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SAC, Washington Field Office

December 31, 1948

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with the case entitled "Soviet Espionage - R", a series of messages dated from July 20, 1944 to January 8, 1945 have been received which reflect the activity of the U.G.B. in recruiting three persons as Soviet agents, all of whom were apparently employed in agencies of the United States Government.

One of these persons was designated in the messages by the code name of Sima. In a message dated July 20, 1944 it is indicated that Sima was working in the Economic Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice. In a message dated December 5, 1944 it is stated that Sima was being "drawn into active work" and was to be advised where her information was going (i.e. Soviet Intelligence). On December 31, 1944 a message states that Sima was being transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. A message dated January 8, 1945 comments that Sima's new work would be very important to the U.G.B. and she would enter the work (probably meaning the Foreign Agents Registration Section) on February 15, 1945. This message indicates that she would move to Washington, D. C.

Information has been obtained from the Department which reflects that Sima is without doubt identical with Judith Coplon, who is presently an employee in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. The Department's file reflects that Judith Coplon was recommended by a Robert Wohlforth of the Economic Warfare Section, War Division, Department of Justice, New York Office, on May 29, 1943 for the position of translator-research assistant. She entered on duty June 15, 1943 and served in the Economic Warfare Section. On December 19, 1944 there appears a recommendation for her transfer to the position of political analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department, Washington, D. C. with a potential assignment to matters dealing with the British Empire. The transfer was ordered on December 20, 1944 and was to be effective January 16, 1945. The transfer was actually effective on February 16, 1945. It was ascertained from the Department that Judith Coplon is the only employee of the Economic Warfare Section to ever be transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

It is to be noted that this subject was investigated by your Office (WFO file 77-13466) in the case entitled "Judith Coplon, Departmental Applicant, Political Analyst". You should carefully review that file for additional information regarding this woman. You will note that that file lists the subject's address as 2634 Tunlaw Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is also noted that the current telephone directory gives the same residence address and lists her telephone as 5217.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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You will be issued separate instructions for a full field loyalty investigation of this woman which should be handled separately by your Office, but at the same time, carefully coordinated in so far as the information obtained by investigation is concerned. ~~The Bureau is requesting authorization for a team on this subject and as soon as this authorization is obtained, you will be advised.~~ The following investigation of this woman should be immediately instituted.

You should arrange for Z coverage, make a survey to determine the possibilities for the institution of a microphone surveillance, and also to determine if a highly confidential source of information can be obtained. It is also requested that spot surveillances be conducted on this subject in order to determine her activities and contacts. Every effort should be made to conduct this investigation in such a manner so that we will, at the earliest possible time, be in a position to determine if this subject is presently engaged as an agent for the M.G.B.

You will be issued additional instructions for the investigation of the two other persons mentioned in the messages as Soviet agents. You should keep the Bureau fully advised of all developments in this case.

cc: New York

SAC, Washington Field - ~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

January 4, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON

Espionage - R

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 31, 1948, instructing you to institute a vigorous investigation of this woman in an effort to determine if she is still engaged in activities as a Soviet Espionage Agent. The following additional information is being submitted to you which should be the subject of immediate and exhaustive investigative attention. The person who recruited Sims, (Judith Coplon), was one Zora (code name), who, in December 1944, was apparently working for the Government and was considering transferring to the State Department, OSS or some other analogous agency. It was stated that the agency where Zora was employed would cease its independent operation in one half year. Another message mentions her mother and stepfather who were listed as having been active in the progressive movement, apparently meaning the Communist movement. An immediate attempt should be made through appropriate sources to determine what agency or agencies intended to cease independent operations 6 months after December, 1944. In the investigation of Judith Coplon's women associates, consideration should be given to determining what Government agencies they have been employed by and whether any has a stepfather, which you realize is the only identifying information we have concerning Zora. You will also note, however, that Judith Coplon was living in New York City prior to her transfer to Washington, D. C. Therefore, it might be assumed that Zora was also working for a Government agency in New York City although this is not conclusive.

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In December, 1944, the MGB was also considering drawing into the work, [redacted] who was thereafter to be known by the code name of [redacted]. On January 15, 1945, there is mention of "signing up [redacted] through Zora, indicating that [redacted] had agreed to work for the MGB.

Regarding [redacted] the Bureau references have been reviewed and two individuals have been noted who could possibly be the person we are seeking to identify. However, in view of the lack of information regarding this woman we will probably have to connect her with one of the other two women before we can make a positive identification. The Bureau file references did reveal the following:

A [redacted] in a period from May 26, 1944, to December 20, 1944, was, according to a technical surveillance on the Argentine Embassy, in contact on a number of occasions with two employees of the Embassy, one Ernesto Uriburu and one Escobar. The technical surveillance reflected that [redacted] was employed by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. She was associating socially with these two men and canceled an engagement with [redacted] on June 15, 1944, for the following evening because her husband was expected to return to Washington. [redacted] on August 31, 1944, thanked [redacted] for what she had done for him through the War Department.

cc-New York

(65-48667-535, 552, 557, 559, 600, 640, 678, 694, 606, 730, 760)

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[redacted] who probably is not identical with [redacted] identified above, contacted Jose Antonio Arze, the Head of the Party of the Revolutionary Left (Communist Party) of Bolivia, in New York City, on December 8, 1944. According to information secured from a technical surveillance (NYT-253), Arze at that time was in New York City recuperating from a gun shot wound he had received in Bolivia and was in contact with prominent members of the Communist Party, USA, including Earl Browder. [redacted] at the time of this contact informed Arze that one Roberto had left Mexico on December 7, 1944, for the International Labor Conference which was to be held at Cali, Colombia, on December 10, 1944.

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According to information from the technical surveillance, this [redacted] later obtained a position as a clerk with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington, D. C. On January 8, 1945, she again conferred with Arze and told him that she had just received a telegram and was to leave for Washington the following day. Arze desired to see her before she left as he wanted to discuss "some matters of Terren." This probably referred to Avra Terren, who according to an article in the December 31, 1944, newspaper "PM" was the "new Head of the Office of American Republics Affairs," and reportedly had written a report on Bolivia which was the basis for the U. S. recognition of the Villaroel Government in Bolivia.

(100-30586-86, 99 pages 22, 23, and 30)

It was learned through the technical surveillance that this [redacted] lived at [redacted] New York, telephone EDgewood 4-6441. Through informant NYO-53 (R.C. Staub, attorney for Western Union in New York City), it was learned that the telegram received by [redacted] was from Thomas Klochek, Director of the Division of the Personnel of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington. This telegram notified [redacted] that her application as a clerk in the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs had been approved. The telegram instructed [redacted] to report to room 7719, Department of Commerce Building, 14th and B Streets, N. Washington, D. C.

(100-30586-99 pages 22 and 23)

A mail cover on Enrique De Lozada, who was a contact of [redacted] resided at Pendle Hill, Callington, Pennsylvania, reflected that on May 25, 1945, addressed to Mr. Antonio De Lozada from one [redacted] Avenue, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

(100-30586-118)

We have also conducted considerable investigation on one [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] who are contacts of Mary Jane Koeney. This [redacted] was not employed by the Government and left with her from Cumberland, Maryland, in June, 1944, to reside in Illinois. She and her husband are both active in the Communist Party, USA. Their present address is in [redacted] Missouri.

(100-275167-65-30628)

The appropriate records of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs should be examined to determine the background of [redacted] and the [redacted] who was hired in January, 1945. The background information available regarding these two women should be carefully examined in order to determine if they are acquainted with Judith Coplon or with a woman associate of Judith Coplon, who, you will realize, might be Zora.

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A memorandum is being directed to you in the Sovne Case submitting to you the complete text of the available material regarding these women. All leads in this case must be expeditiously handled and the Bureau promptly advised of all developments.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE:

JAN 6 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet December 31, 1948.

The only information appearing in the files of this office, pertaining to the above individual, is in connection with two investigations conducted of her. One was conducted upon her application for position of Expert, War Division of the Department of Justice in 1943, the results being set out in the report of SA EDWARD R. HAYS dated July 31, 1943 at New York. The second investigation was made upon the subject's transfer to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department in Washington, D. C. January 16, 1945. The results were set out in the report of SA FREDERICK G. HAMLIN, dated May 3, 1946 at New York.

No action is being taken by this office at the present time, in connection with the above matter.

cc: Washington Field Office

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SAC, Washington Field Office

January 6, 1949

Director: FBI

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

For the information of the Washington Field Office there is enclosed herewith the report of Special Agent Frederick G. Hamlin, dated May 3, 1946 at New York, New York in the case entitled "Judith Coplon, Departmental Applicant, Political Analyst."

Enclosure

cc: New York

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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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FBI WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT ON JANUARY 6, 1949, DETERMINED SUBJECT DEPARTED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING AT 5:25 P.M. IN COMPANY OF A MR. SHAPIRO WHO EMERGED FROM THE GARAGE OF THIS BUILDING DRIVING A NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT PLYMOUTH SEDAN BEARING CONNECTICUT LICENSE NUMBER BP TWO EIGHT NAUGHT. THEY PROCEEDED TO THE VICINITY OF ELEVENTH AND M STREETS, N.W. WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR TEN MINUTES, THEN RETURNED TO THE CAR AND PROCEEDED IN THE DIRECTION OF McLEAN GARDENS WHERE THE SUBJECT RESIDES. THE SURVEILLANCE WAS LOST PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS HOME PRIOR TO SEVEN P.M. THIS INFORMANT ALSO ADVISED COPLON IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA FOR THIS WEEKEND.

SHAPIRO APPEARED TO BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT. TELETYPE SENT NEWARK TO CHECK LICENSE NUMBER ABOVE AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO CHECK COPLON'S ACTIVITIES IN PHILADELPHIA.

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WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE FROM WASH FIELD

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R.

REQUEST BALTIMORE ASCERTAIN CHECK OUT TIME OF SUBJECT AND H. B. SHAPIRO FROM THE SOUTHERN HOTEL. INTERVIEW ROOM CLERK C. M. CONNOR WHO REGISTERED THEM TO ASCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS REGISTRATION. OBTAIN PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF REGISTRATION CARD, AND ASCERTAIN ALL PHONE CALLS MADE. IN EVENT HOTEL RECORDS REFLECT SUBJECT AND ESCORT CHECKED OUT OF SOUTHERN HOTEL, SATURDAY, JANUARY EIGHT, LAST, BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO SET OUT LEAD FOR PHILADELPHIA TO DETERMINE IF SAME REGISTRATION WAS MADE AT BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL THERE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

HAS INDICATED THAT SUBJECT STAYED AT BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL IN PHILADELPHIA OVER WEEKEND.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 1-11-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Reference is made to a teletype of January 10, 1949, from the Washington Field Office to the Bureau and Baltimore Office.

At 6:05 p.m., January 10, I phoned SAC McFarlin, Baltimore, and instructed him not to interview the room clerk, Connor, to ascertain the circumstances surrounding registration at the Southern Hotel. I told him a photostatic copy of the registration card was unnecessary, that what we wanted was information which might relate to possible espionage. I instructed him to make a check for phone calls and also determine when the subject and her escort checked out of the hotel. I told Mr. McFarlin the investigation which arises out of this matter is one which deals with espionage activity and is not to delve into personal escapades.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *W*

DATE: December 31, 1948

FROM : Mr. L. Whitson *W*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

There is attached hereto a letter to the Washington Field Office instructing them to conduct an espionage investigation of this woman and informing them that separate instructions will be issued for a full field investigation.

There is also attached a memorandum to the Attorney General, requesting authorization for the placing of a technical surveillance on this woman. It is felt that you may desire to personally take this request for a technical surveillance to the Department when this case is orally discussed with some Departmental official.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that authorization be obtained for a technical surveillance on this woman and that the Washington Field Office be instructed in line with the attached letter.

Attachments

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*See to Sec. WFO dated
1/5/49
RJL: [initials]*

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Subject JUDITH COPLON

This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 12/31/48, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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December 31, 1948

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with an investigation to determine if Judith Coplon is engaged in espionage or related activities on behalf of the Soviet Government, authorization is requested to place a technical surveillance on her residence at 2634 Tunlaw Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., telephone Woodley 5217. Information has been obtained from a highly confidential source reflecting the operations of Soviet espionage agents in the United States. It has been reported that this woman, who is employed by the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, was recruited to act as a Soviet agent.

I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance in order to fully develop and cover the activities of Judith Coplon.

Respectfully,

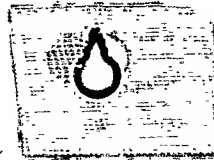
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Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
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SAC, Washington Field

January 5, 1949

Director, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

As your office was telephonically advised on January 4, 1949, by Inspector H. B. Fletcher, provided full security is assured authority is given to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Judith Coplon, 2634 Tunlaw Road, NW, Washington, D. C., telephone Woodley 5217.

You are requested to advise the Bureau of the date and time of this installation as well as the symbol number and plant location.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
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- Mr. Harbo
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- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *D.L.*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1-10-49 *2-1*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent J. E. Milnes, dated January 7, 1949, advising of the developments of the surveillance of the subject on the night of January 7-8, 1949.

At 9:00 a.m. today, I phoned Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office and told him to get in touch with the Baltimore Office and instruct that the surveillance be dropped. I told Mr. Delavigne it should be picked up again when the technical surveillance over the week-end reflected that she had returned to Washington. This action was taken because it was apparent that she was on a personal escapade.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: January 7, 1949

FROM : J. E. Milnes

Time of Call: 9:45 p.m.

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
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 Miss Gandy _____

SA Tom Jenkins of the Washington Field Office called. He said that based on Bureau instructions they had been maintaining a "loose, discreet" surveillance of the subject. It was reported that she was supposed to go to Philadelphia to spend the week-end. At the time of the call she was at Mrs. Kay's Toll House Tavern on Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, accompanied by a man driving a 1946 Plymouth Sedan. The car bears Connecticut license [redacted] which, according to the New Haven Office, is registered to [redacted] of [redacted]. At the time Jenkins called, the subject and her escort were discussing their going to Philadelphia on a "personal escapade." Jenkins said that if they left for Philadelphia then the Washington Field Office would surveil them and would turn them over to the Philadelphia Office when they established contact with the Agents from that Office.

Jenkins said that the Philadelphia Office had already been alerted. Pursuant to your instructions, I called Jenkins back and explained to him that they should not "be made" and to drop the surveillance rather than be made. I also told him that the Philadelphia Office should clearly understand this. He said that their surveillance was a "loose and discreet" one and it would be maintained in accordance with the instructions.

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ADDENDUM - January 8, 1949

At 12:25 a.m., January 8, 1949, SA K. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called SA H. O. Bly, and advised that the surveillance disclosed that the couple proceeded to Baltimore, Maryland, and instead of going on to Philadelphia, stopped at the Southern Hotel in Baltimore, registering as man and wife, [redacted] of [redacted]. Prior to going to their room, they visited the cocktail lounge. Their car was moved from the side of the Hotel to the front for the night. The four Agents on the surveillance were instructed by SA Delavigne to furnish full details concerning the background of the case together with a photograph of subject Coplan, location of car, etc. to the Agent on duty at the Baltimore Office with the instruction that SAC McFarlin be completely advised of the background and discreetness of the surveillance and the case. The Washington Field Office Agents were advised to return to Washington. [redacted] is also, reportedly, employed by [redacted] - position not yet ascertained.)

At 12:35 a.m., January 8, 1949, you were advised of the above facts. You instructed that, if Mr. McFarlin calls [redacted] he should be advised that the Baltimore Agents should merely conduct a spot surveillance to the extent of ascertaining when the couple will leave Baltimore. The spot surveillance should be very discreet and should be dropped after ascertaining this fact. You advised that you would call SAC McFarlin and instruct him further in the morning.

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At 7:45 a.m. you inquired if the Baltimore Office had called the Bureau. You were advised that the Baltimore Office had not called. You indicated you would call SAC McFarlin and furnish instructions for discontinuing the surveillance.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: January 7, 1949

FROM : MR. WHITSON *WH*
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Lamphere

In connection with the instant case two copies of the two different photographs of Coplon obtained from the Department of Justice files were personally delivered to Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office on January 6, 1949, by Special Agent R. J. Lamphere.

Through investigation by the Washington Field Office, it has been determined that Miss Coplon is residing at McLean Gardens on Wisconsin Avenue in the same dormitory where a typist assigned to the Loyalty Section, Miss Jane Gretzmeyer, resides. In accordance with your instructions, Miss Gretzmeyer was interviewed by Special Agent Lamphere after Mr. Robert Wall had impressed upon her the confidential nature of the matter we were interested in. Miss Gretzmeyer advised that she knows Judith Coplon slightly, having called her to the dormitory phone on one occasion and having seen her in the dormitory hallway on a few occasions. Miss Gretzmeyer stated that to her knowledge Miss Coplon is not friendly with other girls residing in the dormitory. She did not know that Miss Coplon was employed by the Department of Justice.

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Arrangements were made so that Miss Gretzmeyer can be interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office and can, if necessary, assist Agents of the Washington Field Office in their investigation of Judith Coplon. Mr. Delavigne was furnished the name and extension of Miss Gretzmeyer.

The following description of Judith Coplon was obtained from Miss Gretzmeyer:

Age: - 25 or younger (Actually Coplon was born on May 17, 1921 in New York City so that she is in fact 27)

Height: - 5'3"

Weight: - 115 lbs.

Build: - Medium

Hair: - Black, short, curly

Eyes: -

Dress: - A good dresser

Appearance: - Attractive

Race: - Not known to Miss Gretzmeyer. She stated Coplon did not look Jewish.

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ACTION:

This is to advise you of the arrangements that have been effected to date in this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, SAC
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 18, 1949

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
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Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

ReNYtel dated January 15, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to furnish the New York Division with information as to investigative activity of subject, JUDITH COPLON.

A highly confidential source of information has indicated that subject is acquainted with the following individuals in New York:

~~FLOY MORSE~~, no address, telephone: Ma 2-4303
~~COLIN~~, 295 Ocean Parkway
~~WEINSTOCK~~, 1862 E. 14th Street, NYC
~~ZWICK~~, 1205 Avenue R, telephone: De 9-4066
~~BUDDY ZWICK~~, 695 Empire Boulevard

Confidential Informant [] has indicated that the subject is acquainted with the following individuals in or from New York:

[] Washington, D. C.

~~MARTIN POMERANTZ~~, 1633 - 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York
~~SHIRLEY SAMOS~~ (phonetic), Bronx, New York (no street address)
~~VIVIAN LOVE~~ (?) (phonetic), (no address)
~~SID BARRING~~ (phonetic), (no address)
~~SARAH and SYLVIA BRECKER~~, Apt. 210, 705 - 18th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
~~NATALIE NEWMAN~~ (phonetic), (no address - a dancer with
MARTHA GRAHAM)
~~GLORIA FLYER~~ (phonetic), (no other identifying information)
~~LORRAINE ELKINS~~ (phonetic) (daughter of MORRIS ELKINS, E.
14th Street, NYC)
~~ESTHER ROSENBLUM~~, (no address)
~~SYD BRODIE~~ (phonetic), (no address)

Confidential Informant [] has further indicated that the subject, JUDITH COPLON, has on several occasions, during the first part of January, 1949, been in contact with one []

Washington, D. C.

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
January 18, 1949

A surveillance of [redacted] conducted on January 13, 1949,
by Special Agents of the Washington Field Office, revealed that [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Washington, D. C. This check [redacted]
[redacted]

It is requested that the New York Division check
their indices and furnish the Washington Field Office with any available
information concerning the above named individuals.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: January 14, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Harbo	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called at 11:25 A.M. today and advised that information had been received through the technical coverage on the subject indicating that she was planning on going to New York to spend the week-end at home with her mother. This source further indicated that Coplon intended to meet someone in New York before proceeding to her home.

Mr. Delavigne said that the Field Office wanted to put Coplon on the train and then notify the New York Office in order that they might cover her arrival and determine the identity of the person with whom she meets prior to going to her residence. However, Mr. Delavigne said that unfortunately the Washington Field Office does not know when Coplon is leaving and he was wondering if the Bureau, through its source in the Department, could find this out and, particularly, whether she is taking any leave. If this is possible, Mr. Delavigne pointed out it would eliminate the necessity for covering the various entrances to the Justice Department since it is known that Coplon has her bags with her at work and apparently proposes to leave directly from the Office.

ADDENDUM:

Through Mr. ^{Chas Palmer} ~~Peter Brown~~ of the Department it was learned that Coplon is leaving for New York on the 1:00 P.M. train today.

In the absence of Supervisor Delavigne, this information was furnished telephonically to Special Agent Thomas A. Mendenhall who is handling the investigation of this case.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE-R. RE BALTIMORE TEL JANUARY TWELVE. MR. JOSEPH KELLEHER, ASSISTANT MANAGER BELLEVUE STRATFORD, PRODUCED RECORDS REFLECTING MR. AND MRS. H. P. SHAPIRO OF EAST HARTFORD, CONN., REGISTERED AT BELLEVUE STRATFORD AT SEVEN SEVENTEEN PM JANUARY EIGHT, FORTYNINE AND CHECKED OUT FOUR NINE, JANUARY NINE, FORTYNINE. WERE IN ROOM FIFTEEN TWENTYTHREE. NO TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY OCCUPANTS FROM THAT ROOM. ONLY CHARGES ON BILL WERE FOR ROOM AND RESTAURANT CHARGES. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: January 19, 1949

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1949, requesting that appropriate records of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs be examined to determine the backgrounds of [redacted] and [redacted] one [redacted]. The letter further instructed that background information available regarding these two women should be carefully examined in order to determine if they are acquainted with subject JUDITH COPLON or a woman associate of JUDITH COPLON who might possibly be "ZORA".

From a check of the personnel files of [redacted] and [redacted] there is no apparent acquaintanceship with the subject, JUDITH COPLON, or any mutual acquaintances, but the background of [redacted] closely approximates and parallels that of COPLON and she may very well be acquainted with her.

The records of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., reflect that [redacted] was employed as an Economic Analyst, Department of Transportation and Economic Development, Economic Division, O.C.I.-A.A. from January 10, 1945 to November 28, 1945.

In an application for federal employment dated December 13, 1944, [redacted] gave her birthdate as [redacted]. She listed her father as [redacted] New York City, born Warsaw, Russia, naturalized 1927; mother [redacted] born St. Petersburg, Russia, naturalized 1931. [redacted] legal residence was also listed as [redacted] New York City. In this application, [redacted] gave as references the following individuals: Dr. FRANK TANNENBAUM and Dr. JOSEY ANTONIO AGUIRRE, both Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, New York; MARIA CECILIA ARMIDA, Chancellor, Mexico Embassy and Embaixado de Mexico, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Dr. OTTO MAYER-SERRA, Editor of "Tiempo", Apt. 1122, Mexico, D. F.; Captain A. S. HICKEY, U. S. Naval Attache, American Embassy, Mexico, D. F.

The files of the O.C.I.-A.A. reflect that from September, 1939 to June, 1941, and from September, 1942 to June, 1943, she attended Barnard College, Columbia University, receiving an A.B. degree at the latter date. From September, 1941 to June, 1942, she attended the University of

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Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. From July to December, 1943, she attended the National University of Mexico, Mexico City.

She was employed from October, 1941 to May, 1942 as an apprentice reporter on the "Capitol Times" newspaper, Madison, Wisconsin. From December, 1943 to July, 1944 she was employed by the Office of Naval Intelligence, U. S. Naval Attache, American Embassy, Mexico, D. F., in which position she was in complete charge of the Naval Attache's files, translation and research in Spanish language periodicals and Mexican Government publications.

While employed in this position, she was under the immediate supervision of ELLSWORTH R. DODGE, Chief, Clerk. From July, 1944 to January, 1945, [] was unemployed.

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Her personnel file at the O.C.I-A.A. contains a favorable letter of recommendation dated December 26, 1944, directed to Mrs. BETTY R. BAYERS, Placement Officer, O.C.I-A.A., from Captain A. S. HICKEY, U. S. Naval Attache and Naval Attache for Air. This letter stated that he considered her completely loyal to the United States.

On September 26, 1945, [] entered on a 60 day leave without pay at which time she gave her intention of returning to New York City and attempting to transfer to another Government agency there. Her last day of actual work in Washington with the O.C.I-A.A. was on September 28, 1945. By letter dated December 11, 1945, at New York City, [] advised that she wished to resign.

While in Washington, D. C., DAVIS resided on January 10, 1945, at the Y.W.C.A., 1011 17th Street, N. W.; on January 23, 1945, at 1535 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W. and on October 2, 1945 at 1901 16th Street, N. W.

It is noted that both [] and JUDITH COPLON attended Barnard College between September of 1939 and June of 1943; both were interested in languages; and both were interested in newspaper work.

It is also noted that in reference letter, it is stated that in December of 1944, consideration was being given to drawing [] into the work of the MGB in that on January 15, 1945, there is

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mention of "signing up ~~LOU~~" through "ZORA", indicating that []
[] had agreed to work for the IGB.

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It is further noted that [] filed an application for federal employment with the O.C.I.-A.A. on December 13, 1944 and commenced this employment in Washington, D. C. on January 10, 1945.

Reference letter further points out that a [] contacted JOSE ~~ANTONIO~~ ARZE, the head of the Party of the Revolutionary Left (Communist Party) of Bolivia in New York City on December 8, 1944. [] at the time of this contact informed ARZE that one ~~ROBERTA~~ had left Mexico on December 8, 1944 for the International Labor Conference which was to be held at Cali, Columbia on December 10, 1944. It is noted that [] ceased employment with the ONI in Mexico in July of 1944 and was employed from that date to January of 1945 and was possibly in New York during that period.

Referring to the portion of reference letter advising that "ZORA" was, in December of 1944, apparently working for the government and was considering transferring to the State Department, OSS, or some analogous agency, and requesting the Washington Field Office to determine what agency or agencies intended to cease independent operation six months after December of 1944, it is noted that the 1947 first edition U. S. Government Manual revised to December 1, 1946, published by the Division of Public Inquiries, Government Information Service, Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C., reflects the following information concerning the O.C.I.-A.A.: An order of the Council of National Defense, approved by the President August 16, 1940, established Office for Coordination of Commercial and Cultural Relations between the American Republics. This Office was succeeded by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, created in Office for Emergency Management by Executive Order 8840 of July 30, 1941, to serve as coordination center of cultural and commercial relations with the other American republics. Name changed to Office of Inter-American Affairs by Executive Order 9532 of March 23, 1945. Executive Order 9608 of August 31, 1945, transferred to the Department of State the information functions. Terminated by Executive Order 9710 of April 10, 1946, and functions transferred to the Department of State, effective May 20, 1946. It is further noted that Appendix "A" of this publication lists Executive Agencies and Functions of the Federal

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Government abolished, transferred, or terminated subsequent to March 4, 1933.

The records of the United States Civil Service Commission were checked and it was ascertained that [redacted] is not at the present time employed by any Government agency.

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It is requested that the New York Division discreetly attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of [redacted] and furnish the Washington Field Office with all available background information concerning her.

The Washington Field Office will check the records of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D. C., for whatever additional information is available concerning [redacted]

The following information was contained in the records of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs concerning [redacted]
[redacted]

The records of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., reflect that [redacted] was employed by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs as an Information Publicist, Press Division, Radio News Section, from April 7, 1943 to July 7, 1944, at which time she terminated this employment to accept a position at the Office of War Information. She had previously been employed by the Central Administrative Services of the Office of Emergency Management and transferred from this position on the aforementioned date to the O.C.I.-A.A.

The files of the OGI-AA contain an application for federal employment dated March 8, 1943, which reflects that MARIAN PARK DAVIS was born May 31, 1909 at Wellsville, New York. She attended the University of Buffalo from 1926 to 1927, and from 1928 to 1930, receiving an A.B. degree at this latter date. From 1927 to 1928, she attended Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York. She also took a special course in English and Classics at the University of Pittsburgh (no dates given) and studied Spanish at the American Institute. She was employed from February 5, 1943 to April 7, 1943 as an Information Specialist, Office of Emergency Management, under the supervision of EDWARD WARD and AL HAUSRATH, Bond Building, Washington, D. C. From May of 1942 to February of 1943, she was a

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Senior Conference Writer, WPB, Temporary Building E, Washington, D. C., summarizing discussions at the W.P.B., Industry Advisory Committee meetings and was under the supervision of D. TEPPER. From December, 1941 to April, 1942, she was the Director of the Tropical News Bureau, furnishing news stories and pictures to northern papers reporting leading hotels and working with the Chamber of Commerce under the supervision of Mr. ARTHUR OGLE, 719 Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. From November, 1940 to April, 1941, she was employed as a reporter for the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida under the supervision of HAL LEYSHON, news editor. During the summer of 1939, she was employed on a special assignment in Nassau, B. I., for the International News Service, New York City, covering the arrival of the WINDSORS. From November of 1939 to April of 1940, she was Publicity Director of the Surf Club, Miami Beach, Florida, under the supervision of Vice-President ALFRED BARTON. From November of 1938 to April of 1939, she was employed by STEVE HANNAGEN's Miami Beach News Service, Miami Beach, Florida as a feature writer working with camera men and newsreel photographers under the supervision of JOE COPPS. From 1932 to 1937, she was a feature writer, news reporter and columnist with the Buffalo Times, Buffalo, New York, under MILES STETTENBENTZ, managing editor and GEORGE LYON. In 1931, she was a woman's page reporter with the Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1930 she was a reporter with the McKeesport Daily News, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. From 1926 to 1943, she was a correspondent at intervals with the Buffalo Evening News, Buffalo, New York. From 1930 to 1937, she planned, wrote and presented radio programs for women during short periods of time between these dates for radio stations WBEN, KQV, and WWSW.

She also listed employment as a trade reporter for "Modern Beauty Shop" magazine, Chicago, Illinois, over a period of ten years, and wrote publicity releases for three campaigns of joint charities in Buffalo, New York.

DAVIS's personnel file reflects that while with the O.C.I.-A.A., she served as an assistant in editing news items; rewriting of news stories, analyzing Latin American news editorials, writing news roundups as directed; interviewing domestic and latin personalities to secure, supplement, confirm and vitalize news about war activities; serving as night editor and as editor during less active periods of the day; and assigning and editing stories to conform with the current policies of the O.C.I.-A.A. and the State Department.

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At the time of her employment with the O.C.I.-A.A., she furnished the following names as references: PAUL RAMSEY, Washington Bureau, Philadelphia Inquirer, National Press Building; WILLIAM DAFFRON, managing editor, Alexandria Gazette, Alexandria, Virginia; ROBER HAWTHORN, Public Relations Director, New Zealand Legation; ARTHUR OGLE, Lauderdale Beach Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; MARGERY MARBLE, Buffalo Evening News, Buffalo, New York.

Her husband was listed as KENNETH R. ~~DAVIS~~, employed at the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. She listed a brother-in-law, BRUCE G. ~~DAVIS~~, employed as an engineer at the Panama Canal. She also listed her mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. ~~DAVIS~~, Old Charming Inn, Victoria, B. C., American citizens residing in Canada. She listed as a special skill, radio announcing, and expressed an intense interest in Latin America.

The file contained the following resident addresses: March 23, 1943, she resided at 1121 Portner Road, Alexandria, Virginia. On July 18, 1944, she indicated her address as 8008 Eastern Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, voting residence, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The records of the U. S. Civil Service Commission reflect that MARIAN PARK DAVIS terminated employment with the OWI on October 5, 1945 because of a reduction in force, and that she is not presently employed by the federal government.

The current district telephone directories list a KENNETH R. DAVIS, 8008 Eastern Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

cc New York

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January 19, 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD

○ The Attorney General called me with reference to the Judith Coplon case and stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Foley, who is head of her section, and also with Mr. Peyton Ford and Mr. Ladd, and they thought it would be all right to let her have anything she wanted, but of course they would keep tabs on her and if she asked for something that she should not have then it would just be out of file. The Attorney General stated he was advised this morning that she went up to New York and he wondered what I thought about sending someone from our records section to go down there to help reorganize these files in the Department. He stated he understood from Peyton Ford that there were a number of files in her room. I told the Attorney General that I thought this would not be very effective as it was too likely that she would soon learn that this clerk was with the FBI. I advised him that Miss Coplon was very cagey and surveillance conscious; that we had surveilled her when she went to Baltimore and Philadelphia and registered at hotels with attorney Shapiro as man and wife and she was not particularly concerned at that time, but when she went to New York the last time and we surveilled her she became very alert to the possibility of being followed and went through many tricks before she finally met the man from the Soviet Consulate. I told him that this of course involved no morale charge, that she only met him for a short time in a restaurant and then they both went on their separate ways. I advised the Attorney General that she must have some importance in the general scheme as otherwise she would not be meeting such a high ranking individual with the U.N., and of course the individual with the Soviet Consulate was under diplomatic immunity.

I stated that we, of course, do not have anything special to connect her with at this time, but that her name has come up in connection with a very important case we are working on as a collateral matter. I mentioned that the matter I referred to involves a case of the registration of a foreign agent, and that we do not want any slip-ups and have to be very careful. Therefore, we do not want her to be at all suspicious of anything. I told the Attorney General that I did think there should be a check made of what she asks for from the files section. The Attorney General asked if he should get of her, stating that he would like to do so if I had no objection. He could do this by abolishing her job. I stated that it made no difference to us; that it was up to him of course but I thought she should wait until after this week-end and see what our surveillance

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turned up. I mentioned also that I would like to develop a case on her and commented that there had been rumors in the espionage group that they have somebody in the Department but we have had no way of checking but there was no doubt in my mind that she is the one they referred to. The Attorney General thought it might be well, if we have the record, to check on the files she has pulled during the last two or three years, and agreed that if we placed one of our own employees down in her office she would more than likely find out his identity. I told him that I did not know the setup down there but thought it would be better to see what the report over the week-end brings and she may be one of a group, though it does not appear so. The Attorney General then asked again if I thought there were a morals angle involved in the New York meetings and I told him no, but that we would of course check on that angle this week-end. I advised him that I would keep in touch with him as to what happens over the week-end and would let him know what develops.

Very truly yours,

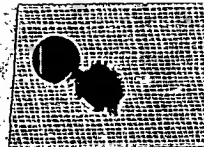
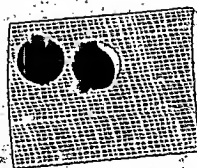
John Edgar Hoover
Director

J. E. H.

cc-Mr. Nease

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

1-11-49

2:00 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

Mr. Fletcher
LaRocca

JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R. SUBJECT DEPARTED WASHINGTON, DC, ONE P.M. THIS DATE, PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TRAIN ONE SEVEN SIX, CAR THREE NINE ONE ONE, DUE NYC, FOUR FORTYFIVE PM. SUBJECT HAS INDICATED SHE MAY MEET SOMEONE IN NY BEFORE GOING TO RESIDENCE OF HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL M. COPLON, ONE SEVEN EIGHT OCEAN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, NY, TELEPHONE CADNEY EIGHT DASH ONE NAUGHT FOUR EIGHT. DESCRIPTION AGE TWENTYSEVEN, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE POUNDS, HEIGHT FIVE FEET, ONE INCH, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DARK BROWN HAIR, WEARING BLACK COAT, GREY KNIT SNUG FITTING CONE SHAPED HAT, BLACK DRESS. SUBJECT UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY SAS H. DUDLEY PAYNE AND THOMAS A. MENDENHALL THIS OFFICE.

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Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Jones.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR AND SACS PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD

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JUDITH COPLON, SPXX ESP., R. REWFOTEL, JANUARY TEN LAST. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AGENTS AND BALTIMORE OFFICE AT SOUTXX

SOUTHERN HOTEL REVEALED SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED

AS [REDACTED] REGISTERED AT THE SOUTHERN HOTEL, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

AT ELEVEN SIXTEEN PM, JANUARY SEVEN LAST AS [REDACTED]

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REQUESTED THAT BALTIMORE SET OUT A LEAD FOR PHILADELPHIA TO DETERMINE

IF SAME REGISTRATION WAS MADE AT BELLEVUE STRATFORD HOTEL IN PHILA.

INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT STAYED AT THE

BELLEVUE STRATFORD HOTEL OVER THE WEEKEND. PHILA. WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE

CHECK AT THE HOTEL IN AN EXTREMELY DISCREET MANNER. WFO ORIGIN. RUC.

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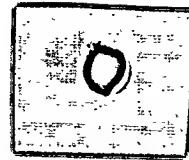
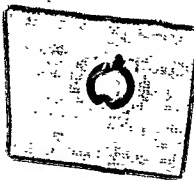
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JUDITH COPLON ESP DASH R: AUTHORITY REQUESTED TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE ON SAMUEL M. COPLON, 178 OCEAN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE GEDNEY 8-1048, WHO IS SUBJECT'S FATHER. SUBJECT RESIDES WITH PARENTS WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY. LEASE LINE LETTER SHOULD GIVE ADDRESS AS 178 OCEAN PARKWAY BROOKLYN. COVERAGE FROM SUTEC. ADEQUATE SECURITY ASSURED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: JUDITH COPLON
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In connection with an investigation to determine the extent of espionage or related activities being carried on by Judith Coplon on behalf of the Soviet Government, authorization is requested to place a technical surveillance on her parents' residence, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, telephone - Gedney 8-1048.

Information has been obtained from a highly confidential source reflecting that this woman, who is employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, is engaged in Soviet espionage activity.

I recommend authorization of this technical surveillance in order to fully develop and cover the activities of Judith Coplon.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Mr. Ladd
cc - Mr. Fletcher

RJL:mpd

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: January 24, 1949

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The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that Passport #204249 was issued on May 7, 1948, to JUDITH COPLON for travel to France, Great Britain, Italy, and Switzerland for touring purposes. The subject stated in her passport application, which she executed at Washington, D. C. on May 5, 1948, that she was born on May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York; that her permanent residence was at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York; that her occupation was that of Political Analyst. She further stated that her father, SAMUEL M. COPLON, was born at Troy, New York on March 31, 1880, and is now residing at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject stated that she intended to leave the United States from the port of New York on May 27, 1948, and that she intended to return to the United States within six weeks. One DORIS E. WRIGLEY of 828 Gebhardt Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, executed an affidavit on May 5, 1948, in which she stated that she had known the subject for three years and that she knew her to be a United States citizen. In this application, the subject is described as being 5' in height, with brown hair, brown eyes, and no distinguishing marks or features.

Also included in these records is a copy of the subject's Birth Certificate issued by the Department of Health, Bureau of Records and Statistics, City of New York, which states that according to Birth Record Number 19563, filed in the Brooklyn Office of this Bureau on May 20, 1921, JUDITH COPLON, female, was born on May 17, 1921, in the City of New York.

There is no indication that the subject had previously been issued a passport and these records disclosed no further pertinent information concerning this individual.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NY TEL JANUARY TWENTY-ONE LAST.

[REDACTED] A CONTACT OF COPLON WAS INVESTIGATED AS A DEPART- b6

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MENTAL APPLICANT, WAR DIVISION, BY NYO IN AUGUST, NINETEEN

FORTY-THREE. FILE REFLECTS SHE ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE

GRADUATING WITH AB DEGREE IN NINETEEN FORTY-THREE. BUREAU WILL

CHECK TO ASCERTAIN PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT BY DEPARTMENT. NYO

SHOULD INVESTIGATE TO DETERMINE IF SHE COULD BE IF [REDACTED] Referral/Consult

UNKNOWN SUBJECT ZORA WHO RECRUITED COPLON. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NY AND WFO SHOULD INVESTI-

GATE [REDACTED] WHO HAS ADDRESSES IN NYC AND WASHINGTON AND

WHO HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COPLON IN BOTH CITIES. BUREAU FILES

REFLECT [REDACTED] NAME IN ADDRESS BOOK OF SAMUEL BEEYID BUSH,

SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION BY NY AND PHILADELPHIA. BUSH HAS MADE

NUMEROUS TRIPS TO MOSCOW AS COTTON BROKER AND IS PRO-SOVIET IN

SYMPATHIES. WFO REPORTS [REDACTED] WRITER FOR NEW REPUBLIC. ALL

INVESTIGATION THIS CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED DISCREETLY AND

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JUDITH COPLON - SOVME-, ESPIONAGE - R. COPLON ARRIVED NYC FOUR FIFTY PM, LAST NIGHT. WENT IMMEDIATELY TO LADIES ROOM, PENNSTATION, WHERE SHE REMAINED OVER ONE HALF HOUR. LEFT WITHOUT HER OVERNIGHT BAG. SPENT ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR IN PENN STATION THEN CAUGHT SUBWAY TO ONE NINETY FIRST STREET. NOTE THAT THIS IS IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM HER PARENTS HOME IN BROOKLYN. LEFT SUBWAY STATION AND BEGAN WALKING AROUND ISOLATED, DARK NEIGHBORHOOD, ALTHOUGH IT WAS APPARENT THAT SHE WAS NOT LOST. AFTER ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR SHE ARRIVED AT CORNER OF ONE NINETY THIRD STREET AND BROADWAY WHERE SHE WAITED ON DARK CORNER ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES. AT SEVEN TWELVE PM. AN UNKNOWN MAN MET HER AND THE TWO WALKED SLOWLY NORTH ON BROADWAY TO DYKMAN STREET. THEY THEN WALKED ALONG DYKMAN STREET TO THE DELUXE RESTURANT, A SMALL ITALIAN RESTURANT AT ONE FOUR THREE DYKMAN STREET, WHICH THEY ENTERED. THEY REMAINED THERE TALKING BUT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF ANYTHING WAS PASSED BETWEEN THEM. COPLON WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE CARRIED ONLY A NEWSPAPER WHICH SHE PURCHASED IN PENN STATION AND A LARGE PURSE, DURING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN PM., THE TWO LEFT THE RESTURANT, WENT TO THE EIGHTH AVE SUBWAY AND CAUGHT A DOWNTOWN TRAIN. AT THE ONE TWENTY FIFTH STREET STATION THE UNKNOWN MAN LEFT THE TRAIN JUST AS THE DOORS WERE CLOSING AND IMMEDIATELY BOARDED A WAITING LOCAL TRAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLATFORM. HE LEFT THAT TRAIN AT THE NEXT STATION, WHICH IS ONE SIXTEENTH ST., AND IS IN HARLEM. HE LEFT THE STATION AND HAILED A TAXI WHICH DROVE HIM TO THE ONE SIXTEENTH STREET STATION OF THE SEVENTH AVENUE SUBWAY WHICH PARALLELS THE SUBWAY HE HAD JUST LEFT ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS WEST. HE LEFT THE TAXI AND ENTERED THE STATION. WHEN AGENTS ARRIVED AT DOWNTOWN PLATFORM, THE TRAIN WAS JUST PULLING OUT AND NO ONE WAS

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OBSERVED ON THE PLATFORM. HE WAS NOT AMONG THE PEOPLE WAITING ON THE OPPOSITE PLATFORM FOR THE NEXT UPTOWN TRAIN. SURVEILLANCE OF COPLIN WAS DISCONTINUED AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH STREET WHEN MAN LEFT TRAIN. ON INSTANT DATE PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES WERE INSTITUTED ON AMTORG, TWO ONE NAUGHT MADISON AVE. AND USSR DELEGATION TO UN HEAD-QUARTERS, SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVENUE. AT TEN SEVEN AM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED UNKNOWN MAN WAS OBSERVED ENTERING SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE., MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAD ENTERED SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE BETWEEN NINE AM AND NINE TWENTY AM. AT ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE AM THIS SAME MAN LEFT SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE AND PROCEEDED TO BROADWAY AND NINETY SIXTH STREET BY BUS. AT THAT POINT HE WALKED UP BROADWAY, PURCHASED SOME GROCERIES AND PICKED UP SOME SHOES AT A SHOE REPAIR SHOP WHICH HE PRESUMABLY HAD LEFT THERE PREVIOUSLY. FROM THERE HE WENT TO SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT STREET WHICH IS A SIX STORY APARTMENT HOUSE IN A BELOW AVERAGE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE AGENTS WHO HAD OBSERVED THE MAN ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS ^{b6} ^{b7C} ^{b7D} BEING THE SAME. A REVIEW OF PR-ONE PHOTOGRAPHS OF UN PERSONNEL IDENTIFIES THE UNKNOWN MAN AS VALENTINE ALEXSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, WAS, VALENTIN A. GUBICHEV, VALENTIN GOUBICHEV. THE JUNE FIRST FORTYEIGHT UN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS VALENTINE GUBITCHEV AS CONNECTED WITH PLANNING OFFICE OF THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, ROOM SIX NAUGHT SEVEN EXTENSION ONE SIX SEVEN OF THE MANHATTAN OFFICE OF THE UN. GUBITCHEV ARRIVED IN THE US AT NYC JULY TWENTY, FORTY SIX ABOARD SS. WASHINGTON. BORN JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTEEN, IN IKOLOSKOYE ORLOV PROVINCE, USSR. AT THAT TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS THIRD SECT. OF SECRETARIAT, USSR, UN. [REDACTED] WAS,

[REDACTED] ARRIVED SAME DAY. [REDACTED] MANIFEST OF SS. POBEDA WHICH LEFT NEW YORK JULY THIRTY FIRST LAST, REFLECTED THAT [REDACTED] WAS A PASSENGER. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT NYT- [REDACTED] FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN FORTYEIGHT DR., ROBERT SOBLE THE SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOCASE, CONTACTED A WOMAN AT A DOCTOR DOWENSTEIN-S. [REDACTED]

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THE WOMAN STATED THAT SHE WANTED TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT OF [REDACTED] (PH) FROM WEDNESDAY AT THREE PM TO ONE PM. THE WOMAN STATED THAT HER NEW OFFICE WAS AT ONE ONE FOUR EAST SEVENTY EIGHTH STREET, NYC. [REDACTED] PHONE NUMBER WAS GIVEN AS ACADEMY TWO-FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE, WHICH IS LISTED TO S.S. CHERNIAKOV, SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT ST., NYC. ON DECEMBER THREE FORTYEIGHT, A [REDACTED] (PH) CONTACTED DOCTOR SOBLE RELATIVE TO HER APPOINTMENT WITH SOME PHYSICIAN. SHE SAID THAT SHE FELT BETTER AFTER THE MEDICINE PRESCRIBED BY SOBLE. ON NOV., EIGHTEENTH FORTYEIGHT, DR. SOBLE CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN WHOSE TELEPHONE WAS TEMPLETON EIGHT- SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE NAUGHT. SOBLE STATED THAT HE WANTED A BLOOD AND URINE ANALYSIS ON A RUSSIAN UN PATIENT NAMED [REDACTED] (PH). IT WAS INDICATED THAT A MAN WOULD COME OVER IMMEDIATELY. THIS TELEPHONE LISTED TO SANFORD GOODFRIEND, A MEDICAL DOCTOR AT ONE NAUGHT NINE EAST SIXTY FIRST STREET, NYC. ON DECEMBER TWENTY, FORTYEIGHT, DR. SOBLE ADVISED [REDACTED] (PH) IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, THAT SHE WAS TO SEE THE DOCTOR ON WEDNESDAY AT ONE PM INSTEAD OF THREE PM. THE CURRENT MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS VALENTINE GUBITCHEV AS RESIDING AT ONE FIVE EIGHT WEST ONE NAUGHT SIX STREET, TELEPHONE RIVERSIDE NINE- SIX SIX NINE FIVE. THE S.S. CHERNIAKOV MENTIONED ABOVE IS UNDOUBTEDLEY SEMEM SEMENOVICH CHERNIAKOV, A DOCTOR EMPLOYED BY AMTORG TRADING CORP. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE THAT CHERNIKOV-S HOME ADDRESS WAS SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT STREET, NYC TELEPHONE ACADEMY TWO- FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE, WHICH IS THE SAME ADDRESS TO WHICH GUBICHEV WAS SURVEILLED INSTANT DATE. MANIFEST OF SS. POBEDA DEPARTING NYC JULY THIRTY FIRST, FORTYEIGHT LISTED S.S. CHERNIAKOV AS A PASSENGER. NOTE THIS IS SAME TRIP OF POBEDA ON WHICH GUBITCHEV-S WIFE ALLEGEDLY WAS A PASSENGER. THE MAILBOX AT THE APARTMENT HOUSE LOCATED AT ONE FIVE EIGHT WEST ONE NAUGHT SIX STREET CARRIES THE NAME A. GUBICHEV AS RESIDING IN AN APARTMENT WITH J. ROSENWASSER. GUBITCHEV-S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE MAILBOXES AT THE ADDRESS SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT STREET. HOWEVER, ONLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE OCCUPANTS ARE SHOWN. FROM COPLON-S ACTIVITIES LAST NIGHT IT APPEARS THAT ANY ESPIONAGE MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS THE CONTACT POSSESSED EVERY CHARACTERISTIC OF A CONSPIRATORIAL MEETING. IN THE INTEREST OF DISCRETION THE NYO

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WILL NOT SURVEILL COPLON DURING THE REMAINDER OF HER STAY IN NYC. RELATIVE TO GUBITCHEV, THE SURVEILLANCE WAS DISCONTINUED THE AFTER-NOON AS A SECURITY MEASURE. HE WILL BE SURVEILLED MONDAY, AM TO LEARN WHETHER HE WORKS AT THE MANHATTAN OFFICE OF THE UN OR AT SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVENUE. AT THE SAME TIME, OF COURSE, IT WILL BE DETERMINED WHETHER HE ACTUALLY RESIDES AT ONE NAUGHT EIGHT OR ONE NAUGHT SIX STREET. IT IS TO BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED SURVEILLANCES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT AND DISCREET MATTER AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT EITHER COPLON OR GUBITCHEV WERE AWARE OF THE SURVEILLANCES. HOWEVER, AS IS USUAL IN CONTACTS OF THIS TYPE BOTH TOOK ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE BEING SURVEILLED, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO INSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF GUBITCHEV. IN THE MEANWHILE SURVEYS WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES. UPON RECEIPT OF AUTHORITY ALL OTHER INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES WILL BE UTILIZED. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES WILL BE CONDUCTED DISCREETLY ON A SPOT CHECK BASIS AT SUCH TIMES IT IS BELIEVED SUCH WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO RECONSIDER PROPRIETY OF LOYALTY INVESTIGATION OF COPLON AT PRESENT IN VIEW OF INDICATIONS AS ABOVE, THAT IS, SHE IS POSSIBLY OPERATING AS A SOVIET AGENT AND BEING HANDLED BY GUBITCHEV. WFO REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH REPORT REFLECTING INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY RE SUBJECT UP TO PRESENT TIME. NYO DOES NOT KNOW WHAT LIASON EXISTS BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND THE DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER. IT IS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF POSSIBLE, THE BUREAU MIGHT CONSIDER ASCERTAINING WHETHER COPLON HAS ANY MATERIAL CHARGED OUT TO HER WHICH IS NOT IN HER DESK OR FILE CABINET AT THE PRESENT TIME. BUREAU AND WFO TO IMMEDIATELY CHECK INDICES ON GUBITCHEV.

PRESENTLY

cc - Mr. Fletcher
 Mr. Lamphere

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *ABF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON;
~~VALENTINE ALEXANDER VICH GUBITCHEV, WAS.~~
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 16, 1949

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In accordance with my instructions Mr. Whitson called SA N. A. Watson, on duty in the New York Field Division, at 10:10 A. M. today and authorized the New York Division to undertake investigation of Gubitchev, a Soviet UN representative, in New York City. You will recall that we previously have obtained blanket authority from the Department of State to undertake investigations of this nature. Mr. Whitson also instructed SA Watson to have the New York Division immediately discontinue the loyalty investigation on Judith Coplon and to handle this investigation from this point forward strictly as an Espionage - R case. SA Watson was told to immediately bring these instructions to the attention of ASAC Belmont of the NYC Division.

Mr. Whitson also called SA Carroll, on duty in the Washington Field Office, at 10:11 A. M. today and instructed that the loyalty investigation on Judith Coplon was to be immediately discontinued and the Washington Field Office should also immediately advise all auxiliary Divisions, with the exception of the New York Division, to discontinue the loyalty investigation of Judith Coplon inasmuch as this case is now to be handled as an Espionage - R matter.

The above action was taken in response to the New York Division's teletype in connection with this case dated January 15, 1949 at 9:13 P. M.

This matter is being given close and continuous attention. You will be advised of all developments of significance.

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DATE: January 18, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

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You will recall that by memorandum of December 30, 1948, I furnished to you certain details concerning Judith Coplon who is employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department as a Political Analyst. I am herein reviewing for your information the developments which have taken place in this investigation since I first advised you of this matter.

ORIGIN OF THE INVESTIGATION:

This investigation had its origin in a series of "top secret" messages dating from July 26, 1944, to January 8, 1945, which were received from Arlington Hall in the case entitled, "Sovme, Espionage - R." These messages reflect the activity of the M.G.B. (Soviet Intelligence) in recruiting three persons as Soviet agents all of whom were apparently employed in agencies of the U. S. Government. One of these persons was designated in the messages by the code name of Sima. In a message dated July 20, 1944, it is indicated that Sima was working in the Economic Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice. In a message dated December 5, 1944, it is stated that Sima was being "drawn into active work" and was to be advised where her information was going (i.e. to Soviet Intelligence). In a December 31, 1944, message it is stated that Sima was being transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. A message dated January 8, 1945, comments that Sima's new work would be very important to the M.G.B. and she would enter the work (meaning in the Foreign Agents Registration Section) on February 15, 1945. This message indicates that she was to move to Washington, D. C. No other identifying information was available in the messages. Investigation is continuing to identify the two other women mentioned in these messages.

IDENTIFICATION OF JUDITH COPLON [AS SIMA]

In an effort to identify [Sima], Inspector H. B. Fletcher contacted Mr. Peter Brown regarding this matter and Mr. Brown ascertained that the employee of the Department mentioned in the messages is Judith Coplon who is still employed as an employee of the Department of Justice in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, which is now a part of the Criminal Division. The Department's file reflects that Judith Coplon was recommended for employment by Mr. Robert Wohlforth of the Economic Warfare Section, Warfare Division, Department of Justice, New York Office, on May 29, 1943, for the position of translator research assistant. She entered on duty July 15, 1943, and served in the Economic Warfare Section. Her file reflects that on December 19, 1944, a recommendation was made for her transfer to the position of Political Analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the

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Department, Washington, D. C. The transfer was ordered on December 20, 1944, and was to be effective January 16, 1945. The transfer was actually effective on February 16, 1945. It was ascertained from the Department that Judith Coplon is the only employee of the Economic Warfare Section to ever be transferred to the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

In connection with the Mr. Robert Wohlforth who originally recommended Miss Coplon for her position as an employee of the Department of Justice, it is interesting to note that we have investigated this man under the Loyalty program and have developed substantial disloyal information concerning him, including the fact that he is friendly with Mr. John Abt of New York City, who has a long history of activity in the Communist movement. You will also recall that John Abt was named by Elizabeth Bentley as one of the organizers of an espionage parallel operating within U. S. Government agencies.

Regarding Judith Coplon, the records of the Bureau reflect that she was the subject of a Departmental applicant investigation in 1943, and in summary the information obtained at that time was of a non-derogatory nature. Subsequently, this investigation was brought up to date in 1946 and developed information along the following lines:

Judith Coplon was among those listed in the files of the German-American anti-Nazi Student Committee. The list was entitled, "Contacts established at Washington Conference." This organization was formed about June, 1942, in New York City with an ostensible purpose of winning the war against Fascism and extending the four freedoms and to expose and fight discrimination against students and teachers of enemy nationalities. It was reported that this organization was actually set up by the German-American Emergency Conference allegedly as a Communist front organization. It is noted that the name of Judith Coplon did not appear in the list of members of the organization. In addition to the foregoing, two persons interviewed during the applicant investigation stated that Judith Coplon was inclined to have left-wing views and sympathies, that she was a Russian sympathizer, and that her convictions along economic and political lines followed the Russian line. She was reported as an outspoken supporter of the second front and in other matters followed the Communist line.

The Bureau's files under the name of Judy Coplin reflect that under date of August 13, 1942, an article captioned "Let's Go, Youth Organizations Say," appeared on page five of the "Daily Worker." This article reflects that leaders of 40 New York and national youth organizations

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had signed a letter to the President calling upon him to fulfill his promise of a second front and urging full citizenship for the Negro and the post war cooperation of the United Nations. According to this article, one of the signers of the letter was Judy Coplin, editor "Barnard Bulletin." It is noted, according to information developed during the applicant investigation of Judith Coplon during 1943, that she attended Barnard College from September, 1939, to June, 1943, and was on the editorial board of the "Barnard Bulletin."

Substantially the same information as that listed in the "Daily Worker" was also obtained from a Bureau informant in New York, Harry McMullin. (51-7567 sub a DW dated 8-13-42; 100-3 sub 4 - 724)

The personnel file of Judith Coplon has been reviewed and reflects that her responsibilities at the present time in the Foreign Agents Registration Section as a Political Analyst would give her access to the bulk of the material furnished to that Section by the Bureau. Actually at the present time, exclusive of clerical personnel, two attorneys and two Political Analysts comprise the entire Foreign Agents Registration Section. The personnel file reflects that as a result of this in her analytical work, Miss Coplon is wholly unsupervised. She has the responsibility for the following fields:

Soviet Union
Yugoslavia
France
Belgium
Italy
Spain

Poland
Baltic states
Portugal
Latin America
Domestic left-wing and
Communist affairs

ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISED OF FACTS CONCERNING COPLON

u You will recall that you approved my discussing this matter with Mr. Peyton Ford. Thereafter on the afternoon of January 3, 1949, I discussed this matter with Mr. Peter Brown in the absence of Peyton Ford who was out of the city. Mr. Brown requested that I discuss it with the Attorney General and in the presence of Mr. Peter Brown and Clive Palmer, I advised the Attorney General of the facts in this case. Of course, no recommendation was made to the Attorney General other than to advise that we were requesting a technical surveillance [and would open a full investigation.] The Attorney General asked me to carry the request for the technical direct to Peter Brown and asked that no memorandum be sent to the Department. (S)

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ASSOCIATION WITH [REDACTED]

Since the institution of the espionage investigation of Judith Coplon, it has been ascertained through the physical surveillance and technical surveillance that she is very friendly with Harold Paul Shapiro, who is an attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. We investigated Shapiro during 1948 as a Departmental applicant. The investigation failed to develop any derogatory or disloyal data. Briefly, the following information was developed:

Shapiro was born July 26, 1912 in Hartford, Connecticut of Polish-Jewish parents, who were naturalized. He received an LL.B. at Yale Law School in 1937. He practiced law in New Hartford, Connecticut from 1937 to 1942, when he was inducted into the U. S. Army. He received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on October 6, 1943. He then received a job with the OPA as Chief Counsel of the Legal Food Price Division, remaining in this position until 1947. He apparently received his appointment as an attorney in the Criminal Division during the Spring of 1948.

On January 7, 1949, Judith Coplon and [REDACTED] drove from Washington, D. C. to Baltimore where they registered at the Southern Hotel for the night as man and wife, using the name of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. The following day they drove to Philadelphia where they registered at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, again using the name of [REDACTED].

It is doubted that the activities of Miss Coplon on this occasion had any connection with Soviet espionage and it is felt that her activity on this occasion is more an indication of her lack of morals.

MEETING WITH VALENTINE ALEXSEEVICH GUBITCH, WAS: VALENTIN A. GUBICHEV; VALENTIN GUBICHEV

It was ascertained on January 14, 1949 that Judith Coplon was to go to her home in Brooklyn, New York for the week end. She was placed under a discreet surveillance by Agents of the Washington Field Office and after she reached New York, by Agents of that Office.

Upon arriving in Pennsylvania Station in New York City, she went immediately to the ladies room where she remained over one-half hour. She left without her overnight bag and spent about one-half hour in Penn Station and then caught a subway train to 191st Street in Manhattan. It is to

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be noted that this was in the opposite direction from her parents' home in Brooklyn. She left the subway station and began walking around an isolated, dark neighborhood although it was apparent that she was not lost. After about one-half hour she arrived at the corner of 193rd Street and Broadway, where she waited on a dark corner for about 15 minutes. At 7:12 PM an unknown man met her and the two walked slowly north on Broadway to Dykman Street. They then walked along Dykman Street to a small Italian Restaurant, which they entered and where they remained for some time. They were observed talking, but it could not be determined if anything passed between the two persons.

At 8:15 PM they left the restaurant and went to the Eighth Avenue subway and caught a downtown train. The unknown man left the train at the 125th Street subway station. He then went through a variety of maneuvers in an attempt to ascertain if he was being surveilled. His maneuvers made a discreet surveillance impossible, and he disappeared in a subway. The surveillance was handled in a discreet manner in order to avoid his discovering that he was under surveillance. The Agents engaging in this surveillance are positive that he did not know he was being followed.

U [On January 15, 1949 this unknown man was observed entering the building which houses the USSR Delegation to the United Nations, at 680 Park Avenue, New York City. A surveillance was instituted on this man when he left this building and he was subsequently identified as Valentine Alexseevich Gubitchev.]
The June 1, 1948 United Nations Telephone Directory lists him as connected with the Planning Office of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of the Manhattan Office of the United Nations.] b6 b7C

The Bureau's files reflect that he arrived in the U. S. at New York City on July 20, 1946 aboard the SS Washington. He was born June 24, 1916 in Ikoloskoie, Orlov Province, USSR. At the time he arrived in the U. S. he was described as the Third Secretary of the USSR Secretariat of the United Nations. At the time of his arrival he was accompanied by his wife, [redacted] and one daughter. His wife left the U. S. on the SS Pobeda on July 31, 1948. Prior to her departure she was treated by Dr. Robert Soble, who is the brother of Jack Soble, who is one of the main subjects in the case entitled "Mocase; Espionage - R."

wife did not leave daughter did.

In connection with the contact between Gubitchev and Judith Coplon, it is apparent that this woman is presently still active in Soviet espionage. Her meeting with Gubitchev was carried out under conditions indicating that

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it was a pre-arranged, clandestine meeting; and the efforts of Gubitchev to ascertain if he was surveilled following the meeting is the modus operandi usually followed by Soviet Agents at such meetings.

LOYALTY INVESTIGATION TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE

After the determination that Judith Coplon is still active as a Soviet agent, it was deemed advisable to hold the Loyalty investigation which had been opened in abeyance until we have an opportunity to prove that she is delivering espionage data to Soviet intelligence. In line with this, instructions have been issued to various offices having leads in the Loyalty investigation to discontinue the investigation pending further instructions from the Bureau. You will appreciate that interviews conducted in the Loyalty case of close associates of Coplon will if continued undoubtedly come to her attention and she will, at least temporarily, cease active work as a Soviet agent.

RECOMMENDATION:

Yes.
H. If you approve, I will orally advise Mr. Peyton Ford and/or the Attorney General of the new information regarding Coplon indicating she is still active as a Soviet espionage agent and is in clandestine contact with a member of the Soviet UN Delegation.

Every effort is to be made in this case to prove by legal evidence the espionage activities of this woman.

We are immediately instituting an extensive investigation of Valentine Alexseevich Gubitchev to determine the extent of his activities in Soviet espionage at the present time. Mr. Jack Neal of the Department of State has been advised we are instituting an investigation of Gubitchev.

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I concur. We should bend every effort to get legal evidence so as to effect prosecution.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 18, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
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Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

I personally discussed the developments of this case as outlined in the attached memorandum with Mr. Peyton Ford and Mr. Clive Palmer on the afternoon of January 18. Mr. Ford raised the question as to whether it would be more helpful to retain the employee or for the purpose of conducting the investigation whether she should be immediately discharged.

I advised Mr. Ford that insofar as the Bureau was concerned it made no difference. The only thing the Bureau wanted was that the sources be protected so as not to blow the possibilities of developing this case. Mr. Ford stated that he could easily get the girl out of the Department by merely abolishing her job and not raise any question with reference to the matter of investigation.

Mr. Ford then raised the question of assigning someone to her office. She is presently in Room 2220, which room she occupies by herself. It was thought through this procedure it would be possible to observe and overhear any phone calls which she might receive and also to observe whether she removed any papers with her when she left in the evening or on weekends. After going over the various attorneys in the Criminal Division, he indicated that he did not know anyone there that could handle this matter properly. He stated that in the office which she occupies there are a large number of war files which have never been integrated into the Division of Records, that it has been intended for some time to have this done. He suggested that the Bureau assign an employee, Agent or clerk, who could be depended on to handle the watching of this woman in order that the Bureau employee could be in the room working towards the integration of these files into the main Division of Records under cover of being an employee of the Department of Justice, Division of Records.

I pointed out to Mr. Ford that I did not believe this was feasible or desirable, that if any such coverage was maintained that it should be done by the Department. He, however, could not be sold on this and asked that I take the matter up with you.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Mr. Peyton Ford be advised that it would be hazardous to assign a Bureau employee to this task because it would be impossible for a Bureau employee to disassociate himself from the Bureau and any employee so assigned

would be recognized, spoken to continually in the building and

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on the street by Bureau employees and it would not be possible to build up a suitable background for an employee so assigned. I would suggest that Mr. Ford be advised that it would be more desirable if he wants such coverage to arrange to utilize someone from the Department which would be a more logical approach.

Mr. Ford further informed me that a check revealed that Miss Coplon had access to any reports or records in the Division of Records of the Department of Justice, that she had on numerous occasions reviewed Bureau reports on Communist activities. He is arranging to have an immediate check made to see what reports or records this employee has called from the Division of Records over the past few months and he will advise me. In the meantime a check is being made of any records which she calls for and in the event in the next few days she calls for any Communist reports arrangements will be made to indicate that they are out of file and on locate so that it will not be necessary to deliver them to her.

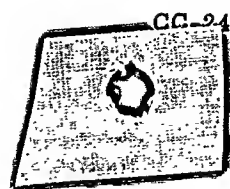
Mr. Ford, after checking with Mr. Foley in charge of the Internal Security Section of the Criminal Division, advised Miss Coplon was planning on making a trip to New York on Wednesday, January 19, 1949. She will depart Washington at 1:00 PM on the Pennsylvania RR. Arrangements are being made to cover her on this trip by both the Washington Field Office and the New York Office.

As a matter of interest Mr. Ford advised that Miss Coplon had indicated a desire to secure other employment which would permit her to return and work and live in New York City and to that end she recently applied at CIA for such a job, but informed Mr. Foley that they had nothing available in New York City.

Appropriate arrangements are being made to check the desk and office of Miss Coplon at a late hour tonight in the Department, this in accordance with the approval of Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department.

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I advised Peyton Ford
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January 19, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BAUMGARTNER

FROM: J. D. Donohue

RE: JUDITH COPLON

In connection with the investigation of the above-named individual, an employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department, I wish to set forth the dealings which I have had with her for any possible consideration in relation to the investigation.

The writer in handling the Registration Act in the past several years, necessarily has communicated with the Foreign Agents Section of the Department. The Registration Act in the Bureau receives abstracts of registration statements and at times clarification is needed of these abstracts and a call is made to the Foreign Agents Section in the Department. In addition, at the request of Supervisors, calls have been made to the Foreign Agents Section to determine whether a person is or is not registered at a given time, and also some particular information from a registration statement which may not be available here in the Bureau. These calls have been made principally to Mrs. Irene Longley, Extension 444 in the Foreign Agents Section of the Department, who is in charge of the records. Until recently, another individual, Mrs. Eldred, assisted in this work, but she has since been transferred from the Foreign Agents Section. When a question of interpretation arose, Mrs. Longley would refer me to an analyst, or even to Mr. Foley, the attorney in charge of foreign agents. In such a manner I have talked several times to not only Miss Coplon, but also to an analyst named Morris, as well as Foley.

It is recalled that one time in discussing the registration of a foreign agent with Miss Coplon, she mentioned research which she had done in connection with the prosecution of the Communist Party. She advised that she had reviewed the intra-Departmental memoranda and prepared a summary which, in her opinion, contained all the reasons why the Communist Party had not been prosecuted, either for violation of the Registration Act or the Voorhis Act. Miss Coplon advised me she would loan me her copy of this memorandum, and since it was not in the Bureau, I accepted, and had it photostated. I returned her copy, which was a tickler she was evidently maintaining.

On another occasion, Miss Coplon advised that an attorney named Nemser had prepared a summary on the Communist Party which she thought was interesting, and she stated if I desired to look at it, I could borrow her copy. Since I did not know what type of memorandum had been prepared, and

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believing it would be of interest to the Bureau, I accepted her copy and had it photostated. The memorandum of Nemser was merely a summarization of Bureau reports and memoranda for the past years on the Communist Party and did not reveal anything of a startling nature not already in the Bureau files. I returned to Miss Coplon the copy which she had transmitted. The writer has never met Miss Coplon personally, and aside from the above, has not had any dealing with her, but it is suggested that consideration be given to the utilization of the entree which the writer has in connection with the investigation of the present case.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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At 1:10 p.m. today, SA Delavigne of the Washington Field Office advised that Coplon and Shapiro had boarded the 1:00 p.m. Pennsylvania train for New York. This train goes on through to Boston and it is entirely possible that Shapiro is going home for the week-end, his home being in New Hartford, Connecticut.

I instructed Mr. Delavigne to advise the New York Office and he stated it was being handled at that time.

At 4:45 p.m., I discussed with Mr. Delavigne the desirability of rechecking Coplon's office tonight since we know what was in it last night and since we know she departed for New York today. This will give some possible indication if anything is missing, possibly being carried out by her. The office will be rechecked during the night.

At 5:00 p.m. I phoned ASAC Belmont and advised him that he should hold this surveillance over the week-end but to be certain not to "burn up the subject". I also requested that he advise daily of the developments.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department advised me that he had authorized the technical on Valentine Gubitchev. When talking to Mr. Belmont at 5:00 p.m. I advised him that the technical surveillance had been authorized and appropriate letters were being forwarded.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: January 19, 1949

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On January 19, 1949, a highly confidential source of information known to Special Agent H. DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL advised

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The informant advised

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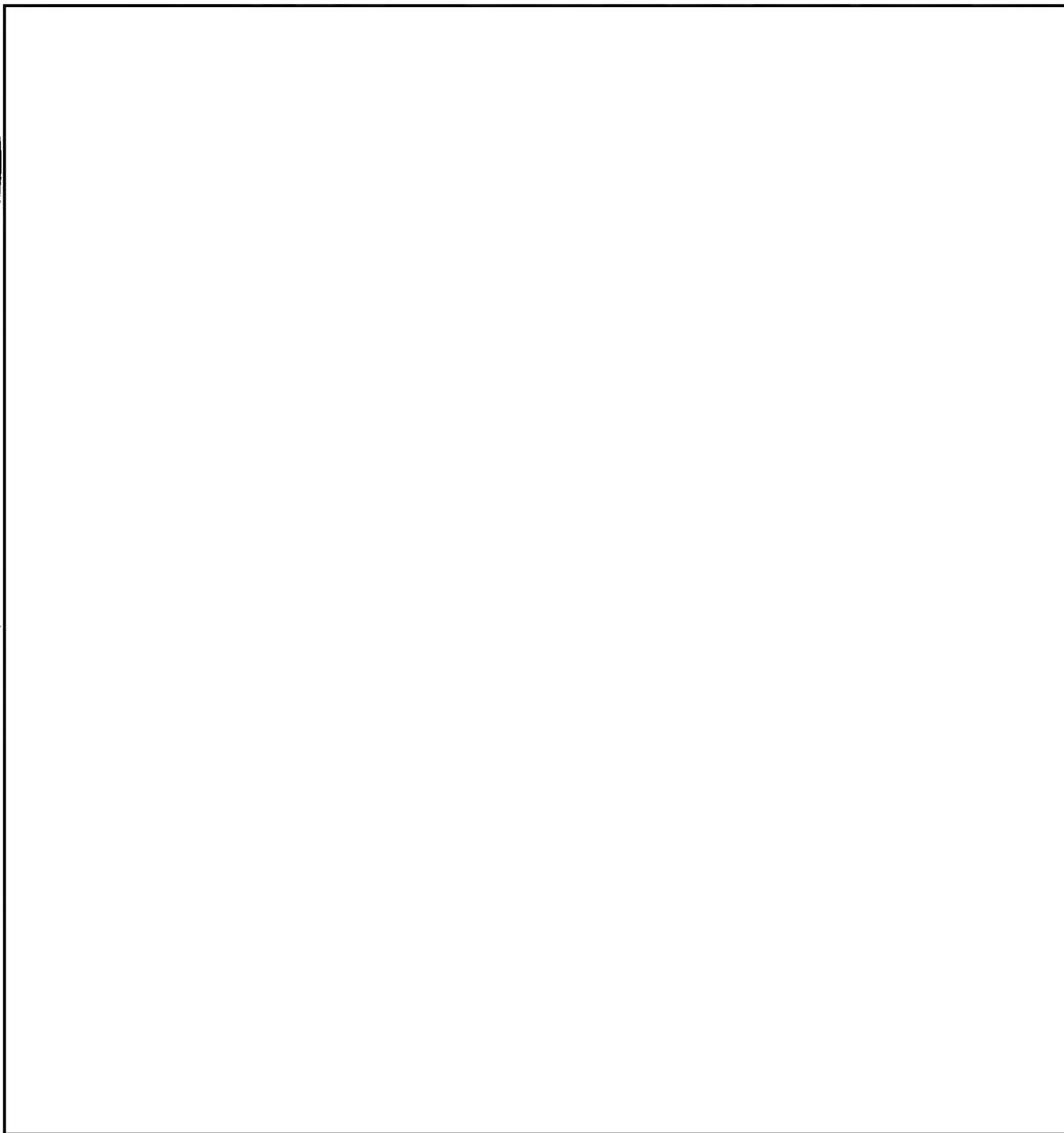
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In addition to the information herein set out, informant has a large number of photographs which will be made available in the immediate future.

See that this is brought
to A.G.'s attention by
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPDASH R. COPLON AND [REDACTED] BOTH LEFT TRAIN, NEW YORK CITY, JAN. NINETEEN, TRIED TO REGISTER HOTEL TAFT BUT UNSUCCESSFUL. [REDACTED] REGISTERED FOR SINGLE ROOM HOTEL PICADILLY, BUT COPLON ACCOMPANIED HIM TO ROOM AND LEFT HER OVERNIGHT BAG IN HIS ROOM. THEY WENT OUT TO EAT AND TO MOVIE. COPLON WAS NOT EVEN CARRYING A PURSE. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE CONTENTS BOTH HIS AND HER LUGGAGE. HIS CONTAINED NOTHING BUT CLOTHING. HER CASE CONTAINED IN ADDITION TO CLOTHING, A COPY OF A MAGAZINE, A BOOK, BANK BOOK, CHECKBOOK, ADDRESS BOOK, DIARY AND A BLACK HAND-BAG. ALL INFO FROM ADDRESS BOOK AND DIARY OBTAINED. VERY SUSPICIOUS ENTRY IN DIARY FOR JAN. FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE WHICH WAS DATE SHE MET GUBITCHEN. THIS ENTRY, WHICH WAS ONLY ONE FOR THAT DATE, READ QUOTE, UP ITEM FOR SELECTIVE MIDLEADING NYC, OLIVES/BLACK/END QUOTE. NAMES IN ADDRESS BOOK WILL BE CHECKED AGAINST NYO FILES AND FURNISHED BUREAU JAN. TWENTY. COPLON BEING KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP DASH R. RE NY TEL JAN. NINETEENTH BRIEFLY SETTING OUT COPLONS ACTIVITIES THAT DATE. AS STATED IN REF TEL, HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE PERSONAL POSSESSIONS OF COPLON, WHICH CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST. A BLACK LEATHER PURSE WITH GOLD TRIM, CONTAINING ADDRESS BOOK, DIARY, A BANK BOOK OF JUDITH COPLON WITH THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, DC., ACCOUNT OPENED IN NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. A CHECK BOOK SHOWED A BALANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS. THE DIARY OF COPLON CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES,--- JAN. FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. UP ITEM FOR SELECTIVE MISLEADING-NYC OLIVES/BLACK/. JAN. NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, TAFT-SIX THIRTY PM. JAN. TWENTY, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, HELEN SIEGEL-EVE. SHOPPING. JAN. TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, SEYMOUR-EVE. CALL MORT. CALL SHIRLEY SEIMS. JAN. TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. SID-EVE. SEYMOUR TWO OR THREE. JAN. TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. DR. BERNSTEIN ELEVEN FORTY FIVE. FEB. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. GET TICKET FOR SHOW. ALL NAMES MENTIONED

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ABOVE BELIEVED IDENTIFIABLE WITH NAMES FOUND IN ADDRESS BOOK. THE FOLLOWING NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WERE FOUND IN COPLONS ADDRESS BOOK. THE NAMES BEING LISTED HEREINAFTER WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE NYC TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR VERIFICATION OR TO GET MORE COMPLETE DATA AND THEN WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE FILES OF THE NYO WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. HANNAH ~~X~~ANNES, DO. NINE EIGHT TWO SEVEN. CLAUDE ~~X~~BEAUDIEU, THREE SIX SEVEN NINE LAVAL, AVE, MONTREAL. MAURICE ~~X~~BORST, SEVEN THREE WARRINGTON, CRESCENT HAIDA VALE, LONDON W NINE. PAULINE AND MILTON, THREE NAUGHT FIVE WEST FIFTY SECOND ST, TWO D, CI SIX THREE THREE FOUR NAUGHT, NEW YORK TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES SHOWS THIS LISTED TO MILTON C.

~~X~~BRAVER. MRS. RUSSELL ~~X~~COLE, EIGHT FIVE ONE SOUTH WINDEMERE, LITTLETON, COLO. ~~X~~AND ~~X~~COPLON, FIVE FOUR SEVEN PARK AVE., ALBANY, NEW YORK, ALBANY TWO NINE FOUR TWO FIVE. COPLON, FIVE TWO NINE EAST EIGHTY NINTH ST., NYC, AT. NINE FOUR FOUR NINE ONE, THIS LISTING TO BERTAM G. ~~X~~COPLON AT ABOVE ADDRESS. MAX ~~X~~COPLON, SIX NAUGHT THREE SIX, TWENTY FIFTH AVE., KENOSHA, WISC. BERT, SAME
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ADDRESS. ISEME M. ~~GRAUTSICUS~~^{CROUTSICUS}, ONE FOUR SIX ONE GIRARD NW. ~~DEVELOPEX~~, PO BOX ONE FOUR SIX, MADISON SQUARE STATION, NEW YORK. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTED DEVELOPEX, FOUR TWO NAUGHT LEXINGTON AVE., NYC.

~~FAIRMAC~~ CORP., THREE EIGHT ONE ONE PORTER ST. NW., THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH. DR. JULIUS ~~FOGEL~~, ONE SEVEN TWO SIX M, NW, ME FOUR ONE ONE FOUR. DOROTHY AND LESLIE ~~CHARREL~~, RAF CLUB SQUADRON, ONE TWO EIGHT PICCADILLY, LONDON W ONE. JOE /OR JOE ~~KLEIN~~, ONE EIGHT TWO NAUGHT G ST., NW, EX. EIGHT TWO NINE SIX. NUMEROUS REFS TO JOSEPH ~~KLEIN~~. LUPMAN, TWO NAUGHT SIX ONE EAST THIRTY THIRD ST., BKLYN, ES. SIX THREE FIVE FOUR NINE. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS FRANK ~~LUPMAN~~ AT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. LOB ~~MEMZER~~^{MEMZER 1 5 6 9}, ONE FIVE SIX NINE FORTY SECOND ST. SE, VI. NINE ONE EIGHT NAUGHT. HELEN ~~MESEL~~, ONE SIX NAUGHT GENESSE AVE., PATTERSON, NJ., VAN HAWKIN FOUR TWO THREE FIVE NAUGHT. SIG ~~MORAN~~, FOUR NAUGHT ONE EAST SECOND ST, BKLYN. PHILIP ~~PAVIA~~, FIFTY THREE W. EIGHTH ST, NYC, GRAMERCY FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX FOUR.

~~PHELPS~~ BAGS, SEVENTEEN EAST FORTY EIGHTH ST., MU. EIGHT ONE SEVEN TWO TWO MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY SHOWS ~~PHELPS~~ INDUSTRIES, W. D. ~~PHELPS~~, ~~PHELPS~~ WHOLESALE, INC. AND PHELPS BAGS LISTED TO ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER.

MORTON ~~POMERANZ~~, ONE SIX THREE THREE FIFTY FIRST ST.,

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BROOKLYN FOUR, NEW YORK. BROOKLYN TELPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS JACOB S. ~~X~~POMERANZ, GEDNEY FIVE TWO FIVE FIVE FOUR AT ADDRESS. MINNIE AND MORT ~~X~~RAFF, FIVE FIVE NINE ORANGE ST, NEW HAVEN CONN. GAIL ~~X~~RAYWID, THIRTY PLATTSBURG COURT, NW., WO. SEVEN FOUR NAUGHT NAUGHT. REID ~~X~~HALL, FOUR RUE CHEVREUSE, PARIS, MISS DOROTHY PEET, PRESIDENT. LORRAINE ~~X~~RELANDER, ROUTE THREE, BOX TWO ONE FOUR NINE, YAKIMA, WASHINGTON. DORA ~~X~~SANDER, FOUR TWO NAUGHT SIX KAYWOOD DRIVE, MD., UN. NAUGHT TWO EIGHT NAUGHT. SEIDMAN, ONE EIGHT TWO NAUGHT AVE. N., DE. NINE THREE FOUR NINE SIX, BROOKLYN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS ARTHUR J. ~~X~~SEIDMAN AT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. [REDACTED] b6 b7C

NEW YORK. [REDACTED]

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SADIE AND DAVE ~~X~~STEMER, TWO EIGHT FOUR VAN NOSTRAND AVE., JERSEY CITY. HUDSON COUNTY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS DAVID H. ~~X~~STEMER, LAWYER, FIFTEEN EXCHANGE PLACE, JERSEY CITY.

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RESIDENCE, TWO EIGHT FOUR VAN NOSTRAND AVE, JERSEY CITY. ANNA
*SYLVAN /KATHIE AND MARTHA/ WO. IN-TWO NINE FIVE NAUGHT OCEAN AVE.,
GE. SIX FOUR THREE FIVE SEVEN. BKLYN. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS THIS
NUMBER TO KINGS COUNTY STONE SETTING CO., FOUR AND FIVE THIRTY NINTH
ST., BKLYN. TEXTILE WEAVING CO, EIGHT ONE ONE THIRTEENTH ST., NW.
ERIKA ~~*THIMEY~~, TWO NAUGHT ONE TWO P. ST., NW., HO. SEVEN NINE NINE
ONE. ~~*WOLIN~~, TWO TWO FOUR WEST HUDSON AVE., ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY,
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ALSO CONTAINED IN COPLONS DIARY. PERRY MAE ~~BARNES~~, FIVE NAUGHT ONE TWENTYTHIRD NORTHWEST, DI FIVE FIVE ONE THREE. A MAE BARNES OF FORTYONE DASH TWELVE VERNON BLVD., LI., NY., WAS A SIGNER OF THE MORRIS U. SCHAPPES PETITION. ~~HENRY~~ BECKER, ALBAN TOWERS, ~~WISC OR POSSIBLY~~ WISC/MASS BRAVER/. THERE ARE NUMEROUS REFS TO HENRY BECKER AND MORE TIME WILL BE NEEDED TO CHECK THEM. SARAH ~~BECKER~~, SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE EIGHTEENTH ST., NORTHWEST, EX FOUR SEVEN HUNDRED, EXTENSION THREE TEN. A SARAH JACOBSON BECKER WAS LISTED ON MAY THIRTEEN, FORTY THREE AS ONE OF THE KEY FIGURES OF THE CP DISTRICT SIX IN OHIO. DR. HERMAN ~~BERNSTEIN~~, FIVE FOUR THIRTY CONN. AVE., WO FIVE NAUGHT FOUR FIVE.

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NUMEROUS REFS ARE IN NYO ON BERNSTEIN AND RESULTS OF CHECK WILL BE GIVEN LATER. [REDACTED]

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~~tl~~ ADDRESS, LISTED AS MEMBER OF IWO LODGE NUMBER FIVE SEVENTEEN.

AN APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF STENO WITH NAME [REDACTED] OF ONE

[REDACTED] NYC, BUT NO DEROGATORY INFO. CONCERNING HER. DAVID

~~X~~ BOOKSTAVER, THREE THREE SIX THREE B, SOUTH WAKEFIELD, FARLINGTON, VA.

THIS INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF INVESTIGATION ENTITLED DAVID RICHARD BOOKSTAVER, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT DASH ATTORNEY CRIMINAL DIVISION SERIALS IN FILE NYO CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFO ON BOOKSTAVER.

~~BEA~~ BRAUDE, PARIS, DINARD, TWENTYNINE RUE CASSETTE /OFF RUE DE RENNES/.

THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED

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IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF CASE ENTITLED "BEATRICE~~/~~BRAUDE~~n~~, RESEARCH ANALYST, DEPT. OF STATE, WASH., DC., LGE." ON NOV. TWO, FORTYSIX MARY JANE KEENEY OF SILVERMASTER CASE, CONTACTED LOIS CARLISLE AND INFORMED HER THAT SHE HAD BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE A GIRL WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM GERMANY, BEATRICE BRAUDE~~n~~, WHO IS IN THE STATE DEPT. IN THE SECTION KNOWN AS THE STATE RESEARCH INTELLIGENCE. MARY JANE SAID SHE WANTED TO CONTACT THIS ^GIRL BECAUSE THE GIRL HAD A MESSAGE FOR MAY JANE FROM AN ANTI-FASCIST IN BERLIN. LOIS REMARKED THAT THE INFO DESK AT THE DEPT. OF STATE WOULD SOON HAVE TH^E TELEPHONE LISTING OF THIS GIRL IF SHE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS. ON NOV. TWELVE, FORTYSIX CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MARY JANE b7D KEENEY CONTACTED BEATRICE BRAUDE~~n~~ ON EXTENSION TWO FOUR NAUGHT THREE OF EXEC. SIX ONE NAUGHT ONE. BEATRICE ADVISED SHE HAD A MESSAGE FOR MARY JANE FROM HELLEN BOOTH. THEY MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE LUNCH AT THE FOUR HUNDRED CLUB AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM. A DESCRIPTION OF BRAUDER IS SET OUT IN THE FILE. SONIA COHEN, THIRTYSEVEN FOURTEEN WOODLEY ROAD, NORTHWEST, OR FOUR SIX NAUGHT FOUR. SEVERAL REFS TO THE NAME [REDACTED] PERTAINING TO

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COMMUNIST ACTIVITY ARE CONTAINED IN FILES OF NYO BUT ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH THIS ADDRESS. ~~X~~COPLON AND SON, ELEVEN THIRTYTHREE BROADWAY, ROOM FIVE THREE SIX, WA ^{FOUR}~~THREE~~DASH TWO SIX TWENTY. THIS IS A FIRM STARTED BY SUBJS FATHER AND IS PROBABLY OPERATED AT PRESENT BY SUBJS BROHTER, BERTRAM. ^{ALX}~~AL~~COPLON, ELEVEN SEVEN DASH NAUGHT ONE PARK LANE SOUTH, KEW GARDENS, VI SEVEN DASH FOUR ONE ONE SEVEN. THIS INDIVIDUAL UNDOUBTEDLY RELATED TO SUBJ., BUT RELATIONSHIP NOT REVEALED FILES

A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DOROTHY FRIEDMAN, SEVENTYTWO DASH SEVENTWO ONE HUNDRED TWELVE STREET, ^{FOREST}~~ECB~~ HILLS, L. I. MADE AVAILABLE A LIST NAMES BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBERSHIP LIST OF FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB ON CRA ON SEPT. ELEVEN, FORTY FOUR. FRIEDMAN IS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY OF CLUB. ON THIS LIST APPEARS ALFRED ~~X~~COPLON, ELEVEN SEVEN DASH NAUGHT ONE PARK LANE SOUTH, KEW GARDENS, AND MRS. ALFRED~~X~~COPLON, SAME ADDRESS. THE NAME A. COPLON, WITH THE SAME ADDRESS ON PARK LANE APPEARED ON ADAILY WORKER EXPIRATION LIST OF JUNE SEVENTEEN, FORTY FOUR. PRESENT NY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS COPLON AT THIS ADDRESS AS ALFRED M. COPLON. KIM AND LARRY~~X~~EBB, THREE NAUGHT FIVE IDAHO AVE, NORTHWEST, OV TWO FIVE FIVE TWO. THIS INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF CASE ENTITLED LAWRENCE FORREST EBB, EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM,

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BUFILE ONE TWENTY FOUR DASH ONE NAUGHT NINE EIGHT. EBB WAS EMPLOYED WAS A LAW CLERK FORTYSIX TO FORTYSEVEN IN OFFICE OF JUDGE AUGUSTUS ~~NIXON~~ HAND, U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, NY. NO DEROGATORY INFO NY REPORT. ~~IRENE~~ HEBARD, SIX ONE THREE PA. AVE, SOUTHEAST, TR. ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX. FILES THIS OFFICE INDICATE IN CASE ENTITLED NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE, INTERNAL SECURITY R, A MAIL COVER ON BURSLE REFLECTED THAT ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, FORTY SIX BURSLE RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM I. HEBARD, NO. THREE TWO THIRTY DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASH., DC. BURSLE ALSO RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM I. HEBARD, NO. TWENTY TWO THIRTY DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASH., DC. ON APRIL SIX, FORTY SIX. ~~AL~~ HUDSON, THREE TWO THIRTY N ST., NW., APT. TWO, AD FOUR THREE TWO TWO. NUMEROUS REFERENCES ON ALBERT, ALFRED, AND A. HUDSON. IN SILVERMASTER CASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ON FEB. TWENTY THREE, FORTY SIX ONE HUDSON /PHONETIC/ AT THE HISS, STATED HE WOULD CONTACT JIM LAKE, ONE ONE NINE GRAFTON ST., CHEVY CHASE, MD. IN ONE HALF AN HOUR. MARCIA AND GIL LESSER, ONE FOUR FOUR DASH THIRTYFIVE, SEVENTYSIXTH AVE, FLUSHING, NY. NY ADDRESSES DIRECTORY LISTS L. B. HANO AS RESIDING THIS ADDRESS WITH TELEPHONE BO EIGHT DASH THREE SIX EIGHT EIGHT. MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS A BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR GILBERT R. LESSER, ONE NAUGHT ONE WEST FIFTYFIFTH ST.,

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PLAZA SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN THIRTY. A GILBERT R. LESSER RESIDES TEN EIGHT AVE, BROOKLYN, NY AND A GILBERT LESSER RESIDES ONE NINE THREE HART ST, BKLYN, NY. ON AUG. EIGHTEEN, FORTY ONE, A GILBERT LESSER OF FIVE NAUGHT ONE WEST ONE EIGHT NINE ST., NYC WAS INTERVIEWED IN NYO AS AN APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF STENOGRAPHER. HE WAS EIGHTEEN YRS. OF AGE, BORN NYC, PARENTS BORN NYC, NEVER EMPLOYED FEDERAL GOVT., GRADUATED THIRTYNINE, STUDYING AT NYU SINCE FEB. FORTYONE, WAS GIVEN UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. JESSIE ~~MACKNIGHT~~, FIVE THREE NAUGHT EIGHT MORELAND LANE, BETHESDA, MD., POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF CASE ENTITLED JESSE MACKENZIE MACKNIGHT, SPECIAL INQUIRY DASH STATE DEPT., BUFILE ONE TWENTY THREE DASH THREE FOUR SIX. ADDRESS AS OF MAY TWENTYFIVE, FORTYEIGHT WAS NINE ONE EIGHT HADDON DRIVE, TAKOMA, MD. DR. ALTON AND LEE ~~WEISTER~~, FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT FOUR WALNUT ROAD, BETHESDA, OL TWO THREE TWO NINE. ONLY RECORD NYO WAS TO A DR. MEISTER, ONE THIRTYFIVE ST, AND CONVENT AVE., NYC, WHO WAS A REF GIVEN BY ALFRED BARRY KIRSCHNER, A FRIEND AND CONTACT OF LYDIA ALTSCHULER, A SUBJ IN ALTO CASE. [REDACTED] b6 b7C

[REDACTED] VA. SEVERAL REFS FOUND TO [REDACTED] BUT NOT IDENTIFIABLE THIS ADDRESS. NUMEROUS REFERENCES ON [REDACTED] AND MORE IDENTIFYING INFO NEEDED FOR THOROUGH CHECK. FLO ~~MORSE~~, THREE NAUGHT NINE AVE. C., NYC, OR THREE DASH FOUR

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FOUR TWO SIX. THIS TELEPHONE PRESENTLY LISTED TO JOSEPH MORSE. FILES OFFICE SHOW A MRS. FLORENCE MORSE, TWO TWO NAUGHTDASH EIGHTEEN, NINETY AVE., QUENNS VILLAGE, L.I. WITH BUSINESS ADDRESS ONE FOUR FOUR NAUGHT BROADWAY, NYC, PE SIX DASH EIGHT SIX HUNDRED, WHICH NAME APPEARED IN LIST OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED NAMES OF MEMBERS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE OF AMERICAN WOMENS VOLUNTARY SEVICES, FURNISHED THIS OFFICE NOV. SIXTEEN, FORTYTWO FOR INDICES CHECK PURPOSES. ONE JOSEPH MORSE APPEARED ON LETTERHEAD OF AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC., AS ONE OF FIFTY ONE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT ORGANIZATION. ONE JOSEPH C. MORSE INTRODUCED THE ACCOUNT OF EDWARD I. ARONOW AT MFGS. TRUST CO., ONE FOUR NINE BDWY., NYC. BANK RECORDS SHOW MORSE WAS AN OFICE ASSOCIATE OF ARONOW. ARONOW WAS A LAWYER OF MATTUCK AND MATTUCK, ONE SIX FIVE BDWY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN CAMPAIGN FOR RELEASE OF EARL BROWDER IN FORTYONE. INVESTIGATION OF ARONOW WAS MADE BECAUSE HE ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN ROBERT MINOR, CP FUNCTIONARY AND JAMES BENNETT, DIRECTOR, US. BUREAU OF PRISONS. ONE JOSEPH L. MORSE WAS ONE OF MEMBERS OF PALESTINE RESISTENCE COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO ADVERTISEMENT THIS COMMITTEE APPEARING PM, MARCH NINE,

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FORTYSEVEN. ONE JOSEPH RAYMOND MORSE WAS A DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT AS A PRINCIPAL ENGINEERING DRAFTSMAN, FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES, LEWISBURG, PA. HAD BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE MAY FORTYTWO AT LEWISBURG, PA. DR. HAROLD~~X~~PEPPARD, ONE NAUGHT FOUR EAST FORTY ST, NYC, MU THREE DASH TWO TWO FOUR SEVEN. MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS DR. HAROLD M. ~~X~~PEPPARD, ONE NAUMGHT FOUR EAST FORTY ST., AN OSTEOPATH, MURRAY-HILL THREE DASH TWO TWO THREE NINE, AND IF NO ANSWER CALL MU THREE DASH TWO TWO FOUR SEVEN. FILES NYO SHOW THAT IN CASE ENTITLED MRS. JOHN PHILIP BENKARD, INTERNAL SECURITY S, MRS. BENKARD RECEIVED LETTERS DATED MAY FIRST AND ^AMY THIRTYFIRST, FORTY THREE FROM DR. PEPPARD. ANDRE~~X~~SCHINDLER, HOTEL RECOMIER, THREE BIS PLACE, ST. SULPIC, PARIS SIX. ONLY REFERENCE NYO IS TO ANDREW SCHINDLER OF THE BRONX PARLOR FRAME CO., WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED FURNITURE WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO, AND WHOSE NAME WAS SUBMITTED TO BUREAU FROM AN UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE AS ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAS ONE ~~POF~~ ^{THE} RED LEADERS IN NYC. HAROLD~~X~~SHAPIRO, TWENTY NINETEEN O ST., NY, DO FIVE FOUR SIX NAUGHT. ONLY REFERENCE WAS TO HARRY SHAPIRO IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN MRS. SHAPIRO AND HELEN SILVERMASTER ON NOV. TWENTYSIX, FORTYFIVE AT WHICH TIME SHAPIRO WAS ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY. THIS INFO CAME FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT b7D

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RIVERSIDE NUMBER PRESENTLY LISTED LOUIS SIEGEL, WHO ALSO HAS LISTING AS
CPA ATTORNEY, ELEVEN W. FORTYSECOND ST., NYC, TELEPHONE LO THREE DASH
SEVEN TWO THREE SEVEN. FILES NYO LIST [REDACTED]
AS APPEARING ON PETITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, APRIL FIFTEEN, FORTYEIGHT
PROTESTING US POLICY IN PALESTINE. PETITION ORGANIZED AND ABETTED
BY PERSONS IDENTIFIED BY NYC POLICE AS COMMUNISTS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], NO ONE SIX EIGHT SIX.
NO REFERENCES TO [REDACTED] APPEARED ON MEMBERSHIP
LIST OF IWO LODGE NO. EIGHT ONE SEVEN, BIRTH DATE BEING GIVEN AS NINE-
TEEN HUNDRED SIX, *TEMKO, TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED Q ST., NO EIGHT TWO SIX FOUR.
THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF CASE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BUFILE ONE TWENTY FOUR DASH ONE NAUGHT THREE THREE. [REDACTED]
ATTENDED COLUMBIA UNIV. AND COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, WAS EMPLOYED AS LAW
CLERK TO MR. JUSTICE RUTLEDGE, US SUPREME COURT, WASH., DC., FROM AUG.
FORTYSEVEN TO PRESENT. NO DEROGATORY INFO DEVELOPED NY INVESTIGATION. ✓
*WEINSTOCK, ONE EIGHT SIX TWO EAST FOURTEEN ST., NI FIVE DASH TWO ONE
FIVE NINE. CURRENT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS S. A. WEINSTOCK RESIDING
SAME ADDRESS. NUMEROUS REFS TO S. WEINSTEIN, BUT NONE TO S. A.
COMPLETE REVIEW WILL BE MADE. ROSE AND HENRY
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~~*/~~ZWICK, ONE TWO NAUGHT FIVE AVE., R, DE NINE DASH FOUR NAUGHT SIX SIX. FILES NYO INDICATE CASE FILE ON ROSE ZWICK, WAS., SECURITY MATTER C, WHO RESIDED THREE EIGHT SEVEN, A, ATKINS AVE., BROOKLYN, IN FORTY FOUR. ZWICK WAS MEMBER OF EAST NY CLUP OF CP IN TWENTYTWO ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN. IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HUSBANDS NAME IN FILE WAS GIVEN AS PAUL WHEREAS IN THE ADDRESS BOOK THE NAME OF HENRY WAS GIVEN. FOLLOWING ARE OTHER NOTATIONS CONTAINED IN COPLONS ADDRESS BOOK--- MC GRAW~~*/~~HILL, NIGHT, RE SIX DASH SIX THREE NINE/O/ RE TWO NAUGHT EIGHT ONE X, THREE NAUGHT TWO /NAGAN/ WHICH MIGHT REFER TO [REDACTED] THIS ENTRY b6 ILLEGIBLE AND MIGHT POSSIBLY REFER TO [REDACTED] COLUMBIA U b7C LIBRARY FOUR DASH F, NINE TO FIVE THIRTY, SATURDAY, NINE TO TWELVE, CLOSED SUNDAY PASS ³~~THREE~~¹⁵~~FIFTEEN~~. JEFFERSON HALL, THREE SIX EIGHT FIVE THIRTYEIGHTH ST., NORTHWEST, ROOM ONE THREE FIVE, OR THREE FIVE THIRTY, WO NINE EIGHT SEVEN ONE. LENVIN, TE THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN. DI EIGHT FOUR FIVE EIGHT. STEVE, CH THREE NINE SEVEN SIX. STEVENS, DI NAUGHT ONE FIVE FIVE. LEE OFFICE, NORTHWEST, UN SEVEN SEVEN ONE THREE. ALSO CONTAINED IN COPLONS PURSE WAS AN ENVELOPE WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS MORTON~~*/~~POMERANZ, ONE
END OF PAGE FOURTEEN.

SIX THREE THREE, FIFTYFIRST ST., BKLYN., NY. THE LETTER CONTAINED IN THE ENVELOPE WAS VERY PERSONAL IN NATURE AND INDICATED POSSIBLY A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POMERANZ AND COPLON TO WHOM THE LETTER WAS ADDRESS. AT THE BOTTOM OF LETTER WRITTEN IN A DIFFERENT COLOR INK, VERY LIKELY BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, APPEARED THE FOLLOWING NOTATION--ECA DASH ARE LOOKING FOR P DASH TWENTYFIVE PREETY CLOSED CORP DASH NEED SOMEONE TO WORK FOR HIM. SEND HIM OVER TO MILTON ~~QUINT~~. CAB ~~CHERTKOFF~~. NYO INDICES NEGATIVE ~~QUINT~~ AND CHERTKOFF. COPLON ALSO HAD A COPY OF THE BOOK ENTITLED ~~THE~~ PORTABLE RABELAIS, SELECTED AND INTRODUCED BY SAMUEL PUTNAM, PUBLISHED BY VIKING PRESS, INC. NINETEEN FORTYSIX, NYC. AT TIME CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE POSSESSIONS OF COPLON TO AGENTS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT SHE HAD NONE OF HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS WITH HER WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION FO A SMALL CHANGE PURSE WHICH AGENTS NOTED LATER IN THE EVENING OF JAN. NINETEEN. THE PURSE CONTAINED IN COPLONS CASE ANSWERED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ONE SHE WAS CARRYING WHEN SHE LEFT WASH. SURVEILLANCE OF COPLON CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CORRS--- PAGE FIVE -- LINE NINE WRD 4 SHOULD BE -- WOLIN--
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TO : Mr. Lamphere *ML*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: January 21, 1949

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ASAC Belmont called in on January 20, 1949 at 3:00 P.M. and stated that Coplon and [] had gone from the railroad station to the Taft Hotel where an attempt was made to register for a room unsuccessfully. They then went to the Piccadilly Hotel where [] registered for a single room. They went to this room together, were there about an hour when they left and went to the Alps Restaurant for dinner and thereafter they went to the Century Theater, returned to the room, and a short time later Coplon went to her home. Coplon had left her pocketbook and luggage in the room of [] while having dinner and attending the show. A highly confidential source available to the New York Office made available the contents of her bags and detailed information was being furnished later. A teletype has been received outlining the information made available by this informant.

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At 3:00 P.M. January 21, 1949, ASAC Belmont called again and stated that Coplon had remained home on January 20th until about 2:00 PM when she had gone out shopping. Later in the afternoon she had taken a subway, gotten out at the Wall Street Station, then had sauntered around looking into mirrors on gum machines, had doubled back and had taken a circuitous route until she ended up at the building, 120 Broadway Street, which actually was almost at the point from which she had started from. She stood in the entrance of this building 15 or 20 minutes and finally, at 6:50 PM came out with an unknown woman. They had dinner together and after dinner Coplon had returned home and the other unknown woman had been observed to enter the building at 404 Riverside. This is the listed address of Helen Siegel. It is noted that the phone number of Siegel is listed in the address book of Coplon as Cortland 73670. This phone is listed to Edward Reger, an attorney, 120 Broadway. Reger from the files of the New York Office is apparently anti-Communist and he is a New York City Councilman. A diary entry reflected [] - eve. - shopping." The activity of Coplon seemed to carry out the notation in the diary. Mr. Belmont further stated that Coplon had been home all day and shortly before his call at 3:00 P.M. she had gone out on the street.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. RE NEW YORK TELETYPE JAN TWENTY ONE SETTING FORTH INFORMATION IN COPLON-S POSSESSION. PLEASE MAKE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS., PAGE TWO LINE SIX SHOULD BE HANNAH ANNES. PAGE TWO LINE ELEVEN SHOULD BE BRAVER. PAGE TWO LINE FOURTEEN SHOULD BE BERTRAM. PAGE THREE LINE ONE SHOULD BE ISMENE M. CROUTSICOS. PAGE THREE LINE THREE SHOULD BE DEVELOPEX. PAGE FIVE LINES THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN, PARIS ADDRESS AND NY TELEPHONE NUMBER WERE TWO DIFFERENT ENTRIES IN ADDRESS BOOK. PAGE SIX LINE FIVE SHOULD BE WISC, MASS/BRAVER/. PAGE SIX, PENULTIMATE LINE SHOULD BE BEAD BRAUDE. PAGE SEVEN LINE ONE, CORRECT TITLE IS BEATRICE BRAUDE AND SAME SPELLING REMAINDER OF PAGE SEVEN. PAGE NINE LINE THREE SHOULD BE AUGUSTUS N. HAND. PAGE THIRTEEN LINE NINE SHOULD BE THIRTYSEVEN PARK ROAD. PAGE FOURTEEN LINE THIRTEEN SHOULD BE PASS THREE ONE FIVE. PAGE FIFTEEN LINES SEVEN AND EIGHT SHOULD BE MILTON QUINT.

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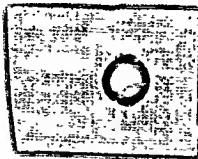
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. AS OF THREE PM TODAY SUBJECT HAS NOT
LEFT HOME/. WFO WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DEPARTURE. NO SURVEILLANCE ON
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JUDITH COPLON- ESPIONAGE- R. SUBJECT LEFT HOME AT NOON AND WENT TO
SAKS FIFTH AVENUE SHOPPING WHERE SHE MET WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND UNKNOWN WOMAN WHO APPARENTLY NEVER MET COPLON. AFTER SHOPP-
ING, THEY WENT TO LORD AND TAYLOR DEPARTMENT STORE SHOPPING, AFTER WHICH
SUBJECT MET MAN DRIVING AUTOMOBILE WHOSE TAGS WERE REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], NEW YORK CITY. THIS INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN CONTACT OF SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON D. C. THEY WENT TO TWO FIVE SEVEN
WEST THIRTY NINTH STREET NEW YORK CITY AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL APPROXI-
MATELY FOUR FIFTY P. M. AT WHICH TIME THEY LEFT IN AUTOMOBILE AND WERE
LOST AT IRVING PLACE AND TWELFTH STREET WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THREE
DOORS FROM CP HEADQUARTERS. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED SUBJECTS HOME TONIGHT
AND WILL BE MAINTAINED TOMORROW. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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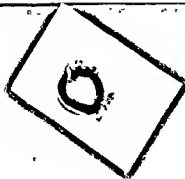
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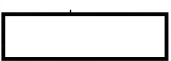
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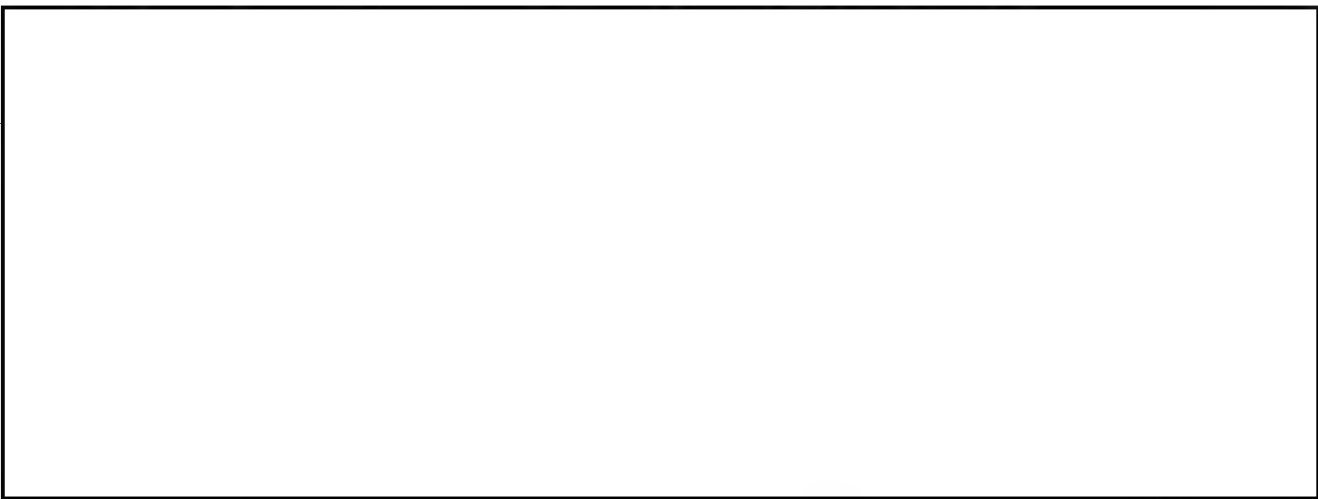
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TO : The Director

DATE: January 24, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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The purpose of this memorandum is to outline for you the activities of this woman during her trip to New York City on January 19, 1949, for the four day weekend.

You will recall that Judith Coplon came to our attention through the decoding of a series of Soviet Intelligence messages which indicated she was recruited as a Soviet espionage agent in December, 1944, and in February, 1945 was transferred from the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice in New York City to the Foreign Agents Registration Section in Washington, D. C. Since the institution of our investigation, Coplon went to New York City on January 14, 1949, where she met Valentine A. Gubitchev, a member of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations. This meeting took place at night on a deserted street under conditions making it obvious that it was a clandestine pre-arranged meeting.

VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

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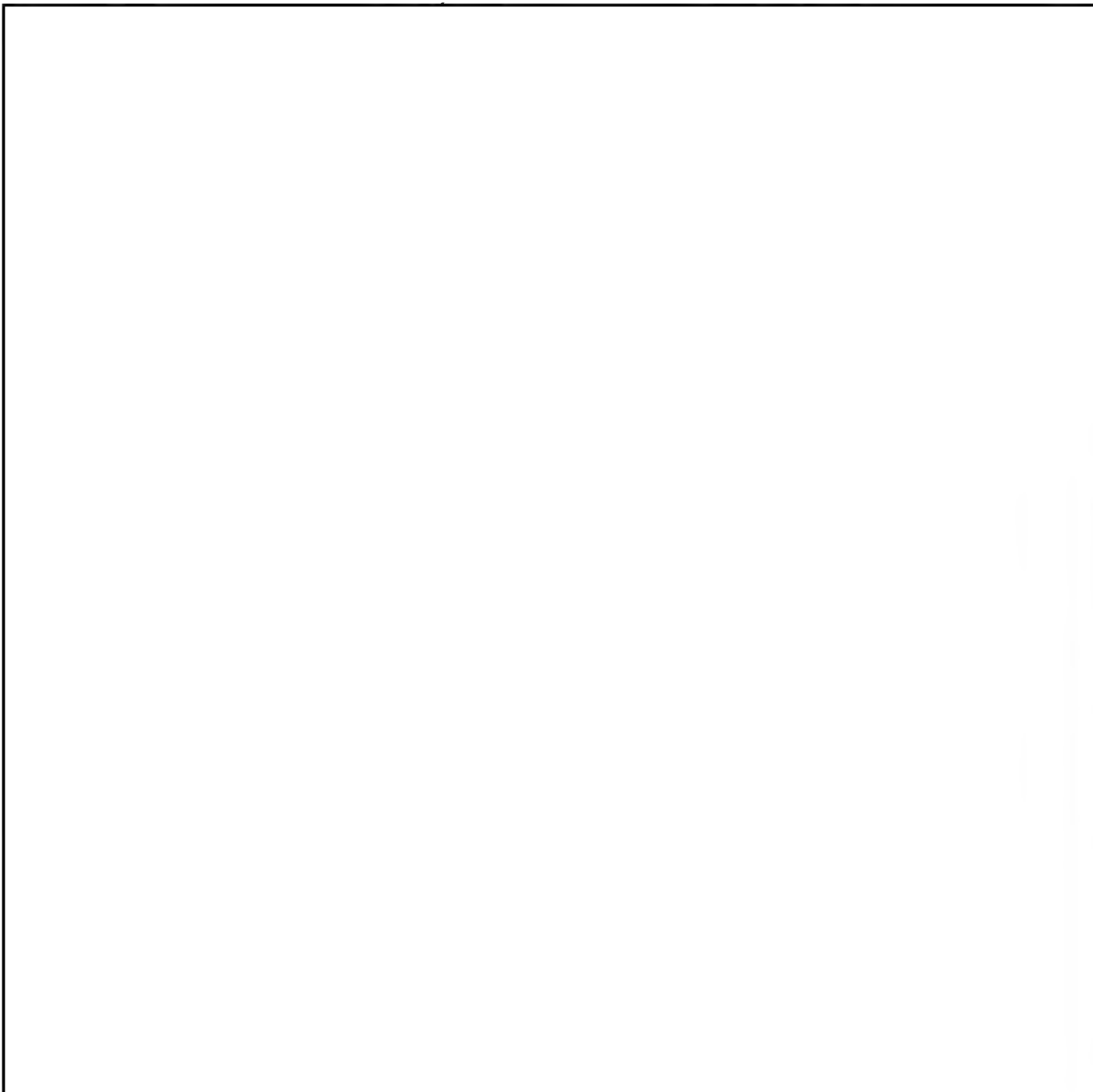
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The above represents only a portion of the material on which Coplon works and concerning which the informant was able to report. It is being summarized as above for the purpose of giving you an estimate of the type of material on which she is working and to which she has access.

TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY ON JANUARY 19, 1949:

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The address book of Miss Coplon contained numerous names and addresses, the complete list of which is being set forth in the attached memorandum to the Attorney General. You may be interested in the fact that a number of these names relate to persons whom we have investigated or have information concerning, indicating they have pro-Communist sympathies. Examples of these are as follows:

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Following their attendance at the theater, Shapiro and Judith Coplon returned to the hotel room, following which Miss Coplon left the hotel and went to her parents' home in Brooklyn.

On January 20, 1949, Coplon remained at her parents' home until about 2:00 p.m., when she had gone out shopping. Later in the afternoon, she took a subway which she left at the Wall Street station and then sauntered around, looking into mirrors on gum machines, and doubled back, ending up at the building 120 Broadway, which was almost at the point where she had left the subway. At 6:50 p.m., a woman left this building and Coplon and she had dinner together, after which Coplon returned home and the woman went to 404 Riverside Drive. She was subsequently identified as Helen Siegel and she apparently works for Edward Reger, an attorney at 120 Broadway, New York City. He is apparently anti-Communist and is a New York City Councilman.

On January 22, 1949, Miss Coplon left home at noon and went to Saks Fifth Avenue store where she shopped and where she met a woman believed to be Helen Siegel, and an unknown woman, who apparently had never met Coplon before. They left Saks Fifth Avenue and went to Lord and Taylor Department Store shopping, after which Coplon met a man driving an automobile which tags were registered to Seymour Nagan, 1431 Harrison Avenue, New York City. It is to be noted that Nagan has been in contact recently with Coplon in Washington, D. C., and is suspected of possibly being implicated in the espionage activities of Judith Coplon. Additional investigation of him is being conducted.

Miss Coplon and Nagan went to 257 West 39th Street, New York City, and remained there until approximately 4:50 p.m., at which time they left in an automobile, and at which time the surveillance was temporarily dropped due to the need of discretion in order to avoid arousing the suspicion of Coplon that she is under investigation.

A physical surveillance conducted by Agents in the New York Office at Coplon's Brooklyn residence on January 23, 1949, failed to reflect that she left home. As of 3:00 p.m. on January 23, 1949, Coplon had not departed for Washington.

OBSERVATIONS:

The following observations are being made for your consideration in the event the Attorney General again discusses with you the question of whether Judith Coplon should be dismissed or retained at least temporarily in her present position:

1. Successful prosecution in this case is dependent upon Coplon's having continued access to restricted data, at least until it can be proven that she has passed it to a Soviet superior.
2. Her discharge will result in a breakdown of a known Soviet espionage operation and will make it difficult to develop the intelligence activity of the Soviet United Nations employee, Gubitchev. The full potentialities of his activity and the reasons for his recent contact with Coplon are not fully apparent to us as yet, due to the short duration of our investigation of him.
3. Coplon already has been employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section for four years, if employed longer her information will be merely cumulative to that to which she has already had access. The harm resulting from continued employment under close supervision will be superficial to that already done.
4. Her discharge, for whatever reason, will undoubtedly preclude any possible future development of her as a double agent which of course will be attempted when the investigation has proceeded to the point where prosecution is possible.
5. Our original information indicated that in 1944 when Coplon was recruited in Soviet espionage operations, this recruitment was by one ~~X~~ora (Soviet Code Name) whose identity is still unknown. In the same espionage parallel was one [] who has not been positively identified, but who is believed to be possibly a former employee of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, of the same name. Our continued investigation of Coplon, if she is left in her present post, may give us a chance to develop these links and thereby uncover an extensive espionage operation in the U. S. Government.

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6. It may be that if Coplon is continued in her present employment, we can feed to her certain information of a deceptive nature which will react to our benefit. It is contemplated that if she is continued in her employment, a memorandum will be sent to the Department to find its way into her hands which will state that the Bureau has two highly placed officials of the Amtorg Trading Corporation serving as informants. This information, which is false, will undoubtedly cause a shakeup in the present personnel at Amtorg, which, as you know, has long served as a cover for Soviet espionage activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If you have occasion to discuss this matter with the Attorney General, while you may not desire to make a recommendation of continued employment, you may desire to acquaint the Attorney General with some of these facts as having a bearing on any decision reached by him.

There is enclosed a memorandum for the Attorney General, bringing to his attention the developments which have taken place since January 19, 1949.

Two other memoranda are also enclosed for the Attorney General, the first recommending a technical surveillance on Coplon's home residence in New York City, and the second recommending a technical and microphone surveillance on her office, Room 2220, Department of Justice Building.

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The Attorney General
Director - FBI

January 24, 1949

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The following names, addresses and telephone numbers were found in Coplon's address book. The names being listed hereinafter were checked against the New York City Telephone Directories for verification in order to get more complete data and then were checked against the files of our New York Office with negative results:

Hannah Annes, Do. 9827
Claude Beaulieu, 3679 Laval Avenue, Montreal
Maurice Borst, 73 Warrington, Crescent Haida Vale, London W 9
Pauline and Milton, 305 West 52d Street, 2-D, CI 63340 (New York Telephone Directories shows this listed to Milton C. Braver)
Mrs. Russell Cole, 851 South Windemere, Littleton, Colorado
Ann Coplon, 547 Park Avenue, Albany, New York, Albany 29425
Coplon, 529 East 89th Street, New York City, At. 94491 (this listing to Bertram G. Coplon at above address)
Max Coplon, 6036 25th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Bert, same address
Iseme M. Croutsicos, 1461 Girard, N.W.
Developix, P. O. Box 146 Madison Square Station, New York (Telephone Directory listed Developex at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City)
Fairmac Corp., 3811 Porter Street, N. W. \$34.50 per month
Dr. Julius Fogel, 1726 M, N. W. Me. 4114
Dorothy and Leslie Harrel, RAF Club Squadron, 128 Piccadilly, London W 1
[redacted]
Lupman, 2061 East 33d Street, Brooklyn, Es. 63549 (Telephone Directory lists Frank Lupman at address and telephone number)
Lou Memzer, 1569 42d Street, S. E., Vi. 9180

Helen Mesel, 160 Genesee Avenue, Paterson, N. J., Van Hawkin 42350
Sig Moran, 401 East 2d Street, Brooklyn
Philip Pavia, 53 W. Eighth Street, New York City, Gramercy 55864
Phelps Bags, 17 East 48th Street, Mu. 81722 (Manhattan Telephone Directory shows Phelps Industries, W. D. Phelps, Phelps Wholesale, Inc. and Phelps Bags listed to above telephone number)
Morton Pomeranz, 1633 51st Street, Brooklyn 4, New York, (Brooklyn Telephone Directory lists Jacob S. Pomeranz, Gedney 52554 at address)
Minnie and Mort Raff, 559 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut

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Reid Hall, 4 Rue Chevreuse, Paris - Miss Dorothy Peet, President
Lorraine Relander, Route 3, Box 2149, Yakima, Washington
Dora Sander, 4206 Kaywood Drive, Maryland, Un. 0280
Seidman, 1820 Avenue N., Dc. 93496, (Brooklyn Telephone Directory lists Arthur J. Seidman at address and telephone number)

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Sadie and Dave Stemer, 284 Van Nostrand Avenue, Jersey City (Hudson County Telephone Directory lists David H. Stemer, lawyer, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City. Residence 284 Van Nostrand Avenue, Jersey City)
Anna Sylvan (Kathie and Martha), Wo. 2590 Ocean Avenue, Ge. 64357 (Brooklyn Telephone Directory lists this number to Kings County Stone Setting Company, 4 and 530 9th Street, Brooklyn)
Textile Weaving Company, 811 13th Street, N. W.
Erika Thimey, 2012 P Street, N. W., Ho. 7991
Wolin, 224 West Hudson Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, Englewood 33336 (Brooklyn Telephone Directory lists Sylvan A. Wolin, 295 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, Gedney 64357)
Doris Wrigley, 1917 G, N. W., Apt. 3, Ex. 8321
Mimi and Buddy Zwick, 675 Empire Boulevard
17 Rue Premiere, Campagne Paris 14
Ol. 23800 (This telephone discontinued and calls transferred to Ki. 71000 listed to Montefiore Hospital, Bronx)

The names being listed hereinafter were checked against the files of the Bureau's New York Office and information was found, although in all

instances it was not definitely identifiable with the names being checked. These names have not been checked against the files of the Bureau at this date; however, this will be done and you will be advised:

Perry Mae Barnes, 501 23d Street, N. W., District 5513. The New York Office files reflect that a Mae Barnes of 41-12 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island, New York, was the signer of a petition sponsored by the Communist Party to free from a prison term Morris U. Schappes.

Henry Becker, Alban Towers, Wisc./Mass Braver. There are numerous references to one Henry Becker in the New York Office files. The results of these references have not been checked to date.

Sarah Becker, 705 18th Street, N. W., Ex. 4700, Ext. 310. A Sarah Jacobson Becker was listed on May 13, 1943, as one of the key figures of the Communist Party, District 6, in Ohio.

Dr. Herman Bernstein, 5430 Connecticut Avenue, Wo. 5045. There are numerous references on this individual's name in our New York Office files which have not been checked to date.

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The New York Office files reflect [redacted] was a member of the International Workers Lodge No. 517.

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David Bookstaver, 3363 B South Wakefield, Fairlington, Virginia. As you know this individual is identical with David Richard Bookstaver whom we investigated as an applicant for the position as attorney in your Criminal Division.

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[redacted] There are several references to the name of [redacted] appearing in the files of our New York Office in connection with Communist activities but they are not identifiable with this address.

Coplon and Son, 1133 Broadway, Room 536, telephone Wa. 4-2620. This is a firm started by Judith Coplon's father and is probably operated at the present time by the subject's brother, Bertram Coplon.

Al Coplon, 117-01 Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, Long Island, telephone Vi. 7-4117. This individual is probably related to the subject but the exact relationship is not known at the present time. A highly confidential source [redacted]

[redacted] Dorothy Friedman, 72-72 112th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, made available a list of names believed to be a membership list of the Forest Hills Community Club of the Communist Political Association on September 11, 1944. On this list appears the name Alfred Coplon, 117-01 Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, and a Mrs. Alfred Coplon of the same address. The name A. Coplon, with the same address on Park Lane, appeared on a "Daily Worker" list of June 17, 1944. The present New York Telephone Directory lists Alfred M. Coplon at this address.

Kim and Larry Ebb, 305 Idaho Avenue, N. W., telephone Ov. 2552. This individual is probably identical with Lawrence Forrest Ebb who was employed as a law clerk from 1946 to 1947 in the office of Judge Augustus N. Hand, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City. There is no derogatory information in the New York files concerning this individual.

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Al Hudson, 3230 N Street, N. W., Apartment 2, telephone Ad. 4322. There are numerous references in the New York files on Albert, Alfred and A. Hudson. These references have not been checked completely as yet.

Marcia and Gil Lesser, 144-35 76th Avenue, Flushing, New York. The New York Directory lists L. B. Hano as residing at this address with telephone No. Bo. 8-3688. The Manhattan Telephone Directory lists a business address for Gilbert R. Lesser as 101 West 55th Street, New York City, telephone Plaza 7-7730. Gilbert R. Lesser resides at 10 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York and a Gilbert Lesser resides at 193 Hart Street, Brooklyn, New York. On August 18, 1941, a Gilbert Lesser of 501 West 189th Street, New York City, was interviewed in the New York Office as an applicant for a position as a stenographer. He was given an unfavorable recommendation.

Jessie MacKnight, 5308 Moreland Lane, Bethesda, Maryland. This individual is possibly identical with Jesse MacKenzie MacKnight who was investigated by the Bureau as an employee of the State Department. The address given in that investigation was 918 Haddon Drive, Takoma, Maryland.

Dr. Alton and Lee Meister, 5804 Walnut Road, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone OL. 2329. The only record in the New York Office files regarding Dr. Meister concerns an individual of the same name who resided at 135th Street and Convent Avenue, New York City, who was a reference given by Alfred Barry Kirschner who was a contact of Lydia Altschuler who was implicated in an investigation regarding her activities in Soviet espionage.

Virginia. There are numerous references on these two names but they have not been checked out completely as of this date. b6 b7C

Flo Morse, 309 Avenue C., New York City, telephone Or. 3-4426. This telephone is presently listed to Joseph Morse. An individual by the name of Joseph C. Morse was an office associate of Edward I. Aronow who is an attorney who has been active on behalf of numerous Communists over a considerable period of time. The New York Office files also indicate that one Joseph Raymond Morse was a Departmental Applicant for the position of principal engineering draftsman, Federal Prison Industries, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Harold Peppard, 104 East 40th Street, New York City, telephone Murray Hill 3-2247. The New York Telephone Directory lists Dr. Harold M. Peppard, 104 East 40th Street, as an osteopath.

Andre Schindler, Hotel Recornier, 3 Bis Place, St. Sulpic, Paris 6. A reference

in the New York files is to Andrew Schindler of the Parlor Frame Company who was affiliated with the United Furniture Workers of America, CIO, and whose name was reported by an informant of unknown reliability as one of the "Red leaders" in New York City.

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[redacted] The name [redacted] appears on a membership list of the International Workers Order, Lodge No. 817.

[redacted] This individual is probably identical with [redacted] who was an applicant for a position under the European Recovery Program and who has been employed as a law clerk for Justice Rutledge of the U. S. Supreme Court in Washington, D. C.

Weinstock, 1862 East 14th Street, telephone Ni. 5-2159. The current telephone directory lists an S. A. Weinstock residing at the same address.

Rose and Henry Zwick, 1205 Avenue R, Brooklyn, New York, telephone De. 9-4066. The New York Office files contain considerable information regarding a Rose Zwick who resided at 387 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in 1944, and was a member of the East New York Club of the Communist Party. It is noted, however that the husband's name in that investigation was Paul, whereas in the address book the name of Henry is given.

In addition to the foregoing, the confidential informant made available an envelope with the return address of Morton Pomeranz, 1633 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York. The letter contained in this envelope was very personal in nature and indicated a personal relationship between Pomeranz and Judith Coplon to whom the letter was addressed. At the bottom of this letter written in a different color ink appeared the following notation: "ECA - are looking for P - 25 Pretty Closed Corp. - need someone to work for him. Send him over to Milton Quint. Cab Chertkoff."

In connection with the information furnished by this highly confidential source, it is to be noted that Judith Coplon had in her possession no other material other than a small change purse. This is being called to your attention as indicative of the fact that on this last trip to New York City Judith Coplon apparently did not take any confidential documents or other material with her.

A physical surveillance of Judith Coplon on January 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1949, while in New York City, failed to reflect any unusual activity on the part of Miss Coplon. On January 20, 1949, she had dinner with [redacted] [redacted] On January 22, 1949, she met [redacted] [redacted] who also has an address of [redacted] Washington, D. C. They proceeded to an address at 257 West 39th Street, New York City, where they remained for some time. It is to be noted that [redacted] has previously been in contact with Miss Coplon in Washington, D. C. Further investigation of [redacted] is to be conducted to determine the reasons for his association with Miss Coplon.

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I am bringing the foregoing material to your attention in order that you may be kept fully advised of the developments in this case as they occur. Every effort is being made in this investigation to determine the full extent and nature of the activities of this woman.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: January 4, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 Political Analyst
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES;
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you, dated December 30, 1948, captioned: "SOVME, ESPIONAGE - R," advising you that as a result of a series of messages dated from July 26, 1944, to January 8, 1945, from Arlington Hall, reflecting the activity of the Soviet Intelligence in recruiting persons as Soviet Agents, one of the persons designated in the messages by the code name of SIMA, had been apparently identified as JUDITH COPLON, who is presently employed by the Department of Justice in the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

As you will recall, you commented: "Did we ever receive the Loyalty Form?" concerning JUDITH COPLON.

It has been ascertained that a Loyalty Form concerning JUDITH COPLON was received by the Bureau on October 24, 1947, indicating her position at that time as a Political Analyst for the Department of Justice. This Form indicated that she had been employed by the Department of Justice in New York City and Washington, D. C., from June, 1943, to the present time.

The Loyalty Form concerning JUDITH COPLON was returned by the Bureau to the Civil Service Commission on March 9, 1948, bearing the stamp, "No disloyal data, FBI Files." This stamp was placed on the Loyalty Form as a result of a review of the Bureau files conducted at that time by Supervisor RILEY L. MILLARD. At the time of this review of the Bureau files by Supervisor MILLARD, it was ascertained that JUDITH COPLON had been the subject of a Departmental Applicant Investigation by the Bureau in 1943, when appointed to the position of Translator-Research Assistant, Economic Warfare Section, Department of Justice on June 15, 1943. Nothing whatsoever of a disloyal or derogatory nature was developed during the investigation in 1943. However, on April 24, 1946, the Bureau received advice from JAMES P. McGRANERY, the Assistant To The Attorney General that JUDITH COPLON was then employed in the Criminal Division. At the request of Mr. McGRANERY, the investigation conducted in 1943 was brought up to date and additional reports submitted to the Department of Justice.

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This additional investigation, conducted in May, 1946, was made by the New York and Washington Field Offices. The New York Office reported information, developed on August 24, 1944, by Confidential Informant T-1 (a highly confidential source, known to Special Agents of the New York Office, having access to the offices of the German-American Emergency Conference and the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee) to the effect that the Informant had observed among the files of the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee, a list of individuals, captioned "Contacts established at Washington Conference." Among the individuals appearing on this list was JUDITH COPLON, Student's Mail, Barnard College, New York City. It is noted that the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee is an organization which was reportedly formed about June, 1942, in New York City and its purpose was listed to win the war against Fascism, to fight Fascism, to extend the Four Freedoms and to expose and fight discrimination against students and teachers of enemy nationalities.

With regard to the list of "Contacts established at Washington Conference", on which appeared the name of JUDITH COPLON. Confidential Informant T-1 (previously identified) was unable to describe the purpose of the Washington Conference referred to but believed that the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee had sent a number of delegates to the Conference of the International Students Service of the International Student Assembly, held at Washington, D. C., in 1942. This same Informant, as reported by the New York Office, had been in a position to observe a membership list of this organization and the name of JUDITH COPLON was not found on that list. With further reference to the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee, the New York Office reported that this organization had been organized by the German-American Emergency Conference, a reported Communist front organization.

With regard to this particular information, furnished by Confidential Informant T-1 of the New York Office, it should be noted that JUDITH COPLON was referred to only as a contact of the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee as distinguished from a member of this organization and from the nature of the information available, was apparently contacted by a delegate of the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee, who attended the Washington Conference in 1942 of the International Students Service of the International Student Assembly. In support of the fact that she was apparently not a member of the German-American Anti-Nazi Students Committee, New York Confidential Informant T-1 had observed a membership list of this organization and her name was not on the membership list.

During the investigation by the New York Office in 1946, a Miss JEAN WALICKI, Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, New York City was interviewed and advised that Miss COPLON had been employed as an Expert by the Economic Warfare Unit, Anti-Trust Division, New York City from July 1, 1943, to January 16, 1945. Miss WALICKI stated that JUDITH COPLON's services had been satisfactory and that she appeared to be an intelligent young woman. She stated, however, that Miss COPLON was inclined to have left wing views and sympathies but was unable to be more specific in this regard.

Confidential Informant T-3 [redacted]

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[redacted] was also interviewed by the New York Office and advised that he had known Miss COPLON fairly intimately from about 1943 to 1945. He advised that Miss COPLON was definitely a Russian sympathizer and that he had observed from the time he first knew her that her convictions, particularly along economic and political lines followed the Russian line. According to this Informant, Miss COPLON was outspokenly a supporter of the Second Front during the past war and in other matters, followed the Communist line. He indicated that her economic views were far to the left. However, Confidential Informant T-3 stated that so far as he knew, Miss COPLON was not a Communist; and also to the best of his knowledge, did not belong to any political organizations.

As opposed to the information furnished by JEAN WALICKI and Confidential Informant T-3, outlined above, other individuals interviewed by the New York Office during the investigation, furnished no derogatory information of any kind concerning Miss COPLON and stated that they would not hesitate to recommend her. Among other individuals interviewed were former professors of Miss COPLON at Barnard College, neighbors and an acquaintance, who had known her for a period of six years and was a close friend of Miss COPLON at Barnard College. Investigation by the Washington Field Office in 1946 consisted of a review of the personnel record of the Department of Justice which failed to reflect any derogatory information and the usual neighborhood, credit and criminal investigation which failed to develop any derogatory information.

Also opposed to the information furnished by Miss WALICKI and Confidential Informant New York T-3, (previously identified), as outlined above, there appeared in the Bureau Files, a memorandum prepared for the Department of Justice by JUDITH COPLON in her position as a Political Analyst, setting forth her comments regarding certain publications of the International Bookstore which were referred to the Department by the Bureau for a decision as to whether the publications listed might be in any way classified as political propaganda. The publications, referred to Miss COPLON for her review in connection with this matter were publications published by various Russian and Communist organizations and Miss COPLON, in preparing her comments concerning these publications referred to five of them as: "Because of their Communist, Marxist or Pro-Soviet content, may readily be labeled as political propaganda." This characterization of these publications by Miss COPLON appeared to contradict the comment of Miss WALICKI and Confidential Informant New York T-3 to the effect that Miss COPLON had left wing sympathies and was a Russian sympathizer.

In further consideration of this matter, it might be noted that all of the information set forth above was already in the possession of the Department of Justice as the employing agency and no action apparently had been taken concerning it.

It might be further noted that there was no indication at the time that JUDITH COPLON was a member of any organization cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order #9835; no indication that she was a member of any organization cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities or other appropriate public committees and no indication, as of that date, that she was engaged in Espionage or related activity.

In light of this concrete information which has now been received regarding JUDITH COPLON, a loyalty investigation has been initiated and the field has been instructed to afford the investigation thorough and expeditious attention.

*we should make a thorough
and prompt investigation*

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yes by all means.*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 18, 1949

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Renytel dated January 15, 1949, setting forth information indicating that the subject may be an active Russian espionage agent. Investigation of COPLON to date by this office has reflected that she has numerous contacts in Washington, D. C. as well as New York. Technical coverage on her Washington residence has revealed that she mentions in a general way her future plans in discussions with several of her acquaintances.

In this connection for example, it was ascertained she was planning to have lunch with one [redacted] on Thursday, January 13, 1949, and that he would call her at her office for the exact time and place. Further, when she left Washington, D. C. for New York on January 14, 1949, she was driven to Union Station by H. P. SHAPIRO, an attorney in the Justice Department. This appointment may have been arranged over her office telephone.

It is requested that immediate and serious consideration be given to the establishment of a technical surveillance on COPLON's office telephone. If such approval is given, it is also felt that additional contacts will be obtained, and that this office will be in a better position to cover her activities in a discreet manner.

The Bureau is further requested to, if possible, arrange for proper reliable contact in the Department who would be in a position to advise a representative of the Washington Field Office as to the exact nature of COPLON's duties, the type of information and documents which come into her possession and which she would be in a position to furnish to unauthorized persons. It is believed that such an arrangement would be most helpful in establishing an espionage violation. Under the present conditions, it would be extremely difficult to obtain the necessary proof of a violation even though COPLON were seen passing information to a representative of the Soviet Government.

It is believed further that such a contact would prove beneficial in being kept informed on COPLON's working habits. In this connection, your attention is directed to the contact COPLON made in New York which would probably have been missed had not this office requested the Bureau to ascertain if she had applied for any leave on the date in question. Investigation to date has reflected that the subject does not regularly use any one exit from this building. It is not practical or advisable to maintain a physical surveillance on all exits.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

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cc - Mr. Damphore

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SAC, NEW YORK

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. AUTHORITY GRANTED INSTALLATION TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE
SAMUEL M. COPLON, ONE SEVEN EIGHT OCEAN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE
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Subject JUDITH COPLON

This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 1/24/49, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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Complete File and Serial Number 65-58365-42

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 24, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)
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During the investigation of the above individual, was ascertained through a highly confidential source that she had in addition to many other the following names and addresses in her address book:

HELEN MESEL
160 Genesee Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey
Van Houten 4-2350

SADIE and DAVE STEMER
284 Van Nostrand Avenue
Jersey City 5, New Jersey

The Jersey City Telephone Directory lists DAVID H. STEMER as an Attorney, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City in addition to the residence address above.

MAX COPLON
6036 25th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisc, also BERT (Possibly referring to BERTRAM COPLON, her brother, who is currently residing in New York City)

HENRY BECKER
Alban Towers,
Wise (or possibly Wisc) Mass (BRAVER)

Due to the illegible handwriting of COPLON, the above is not too accurate. The name BRAVER (possibly refers to MILTON BRAVER, who resides in New York.)

ANN COPLON
547 Park Avenue,
Albany, New York
Albany 2-9425

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Letter to Director
NY 65-14932

Mrs. ~~RUSSELL~~ COLE
851 South Windemere
Littleton, Colorado

MINNIE and ~~MORT~~ RAFF
559 Orange Street
New Haven, Connecticut

LORRAINE ~~RELANDER~~
Route 6, Box 2, 149 Yakima, Washington

CLAUDE ~~BEAULIEU~~
3679 LaVal Avenue
Montreal, Canada

The offices receiving copies of this letter should verify the correct spelling and address of the individual or individuals residing in their district and check the names against the files of the office. The Bureau as well as the Washington Field Office and New York Offices should be advised immediately in the event any of the names are incorrectly spelled above. The results of the file check should be furnished the Bureau and the Washington Field Office, the latter being origin in this case. No investigation of these individuals is being requested at the present time.

The Bureau is requested to ascertain through its confidential sources in Canada whether the has any information on CLAUDE BEAULIEU.

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Due to the importance of instant case, it is requested that this be handled by each office immediately. This matter must be handled in a discreet manner.

cc Albany
Boston
Denver
Milwaukee
Newark
New Haven
Seattle
Washington Field

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TRACY

DATE: January 26, 1949

FROM : E. S. Deiss

SUBJECT:

*Judith Coplon
Espionage - R.*

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Acting upon the instructions of Assistant Director D. M. Ladd, on January 24, 1949 Special Agent R. J. Lamphere of Division Five requested that the first five pages and the cover of a confidential file, a letter and envelope addressed to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, together with a four page appendix to the above file, be examined for latent impressions, and that any developed be compared with the fingerprints of a Judith Coplon.

The above-mentioned material was treated and a total of twenty-one latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value was developed. The latent fingerprints were compared with the fingerprints of Coplon but no identification could be effected. Inked palm prints of Coplon were not available for comparison.

The original material was desilvered and returned to Mr. Lamphere on January 24, 1949. The photographs and photographic negatives of the latent impressions are being retained in the Single Fingerprint Section until further advised.

JT:MLE

cc: SA R. J. Lamphere
Division Five
Room 1649

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TRACY *cr*

DATE: January 27, 1949

FROM : E. S. Deiss *WD*

SUBJECT:

*Judith Coplon
Espionage - R*

Acting upon the instructions of Assistant Director D. M. Ladd, on January 26, 1949 Special Agent R. J. Lamphere of Division Five requested that an envelope be treated for latent impressions, and that any developed be compared with the fingerprints of Judith Coplon.

The envelope was examined, however, no latent impressions of value could be developed. The envelope was desilvered and returned to Mr. Lamphere on January 26, 1949.

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cc: SA R. J. Lamphere
Division Five
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Mr. Peyton Ford
The Assistant to the Attorney General
Director, FBI

January 29, 1949

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AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
REGISTRATION ACT

Judith Coplon

Reference is made to my memorandum to the Attorney General dated January 10, 1949, relative to a possible violation by the Amtorg Trading Corporation of the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. As supplemental to the previous information forwarded you in reports and memoranda, I am enclosing a short summarized memorandum on some of the activities of this corporation which would seem to be outside the scope of a commercial corporation doing business with the Soviet Union.

In this connection, I desire to point out the following:

1. Over a long period of time we have received information from a number of sources reflecting that employees of the Amtorg Trading Corporation have functioned as Soviet espionage agents.
2. Information available to this Bureau reflects that analogous corporations set up in other countries, such as in England and Argentina, have served as cover companies for Soviet intelligence operations.
3. With the curtailing of Soviet diplomatic representation in the United States by the closing of Soviet Consulates there will undoubtedly be an extension of Soviet espionage activities stemming from the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

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In addition to the foregoing, you will be interested in knowing that we are presently using on a confidential basis as informants two highly placed officials [redacted]. It may be desirable at some future date to use one or both of these officials as witnesses in the event that a decision is reached to prosecute this corporation under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me as to any decision reached on this matter.

Enclosure

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Judith Co

January 27, 1949

THE AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION

The Amtorg Trading Corporation was incorporated under section 86 of the stock corporation law of the State of New York according to a Certificate of Consolidation filed with the Secretary of New York State on May 27, 1924. The Amtorg Trading Corporation represents the merger of the Products Exchange Corporation created in February, 1919, and the Arcos-America, Inc., formed during December, 1923. The capital stock of Amtorg Trading Corporation, according to the Certificate of Consolidation, was one million dollars, with ten thousand shares of stock at \$100 per share. The principal office was to be in New York City, and the corporate existence was for one hundred years. (61-5381-316 records of county clerk, NYC)

The Amtorg Trading Corporation with headquarters at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, functions generally as an importer and exporter on the North American continent dealing with Official Trusts of the USSR. Purchases in the United States for export are to fill orders placed by various USSR import corporations, numbering about twenty. Payments for merchandise for export have in many instances been made to suppliers by the Amtorg Trading Corporation in the United States prior to shipment. Imports from the USSR include agricultural and manufactured food products, furs, fish and fish products, minerals and lines of chemicals, drugs, and pharmaceuticals. The Amtorg Trading Corporation, since its inception in the United States, has been the civilian purchasing agent for the USSR.

In the Spring of 1942, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission was organized with its main office in Washington, D. C., for the specific purpose of purchasing war materials required by the USSR for use in World War II. Since the termination of this war the activity of the SGPC has ceased for all practicable purposes. Its activities were absorbed into the Amtorg Trading Corporation. (61-5381-3016 p. 4 and 5)

The Inreklama Service, 185 Madison Avenue, New York City, filed a statement with the Attorney General in compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 and listed its principal as the Amtorg Trading Corporation, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City. The purpose of this Service as set forth in the registration statement is to solicit advertisement from industrial concerns, translate such advertisements into the Russian language and print them in a monthly magazine called "American Engineering and Industry" and an annual guide, "Catalogue of American Engineering and Industry." This statement indicated that the entire

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distribution of the publications would be in the USSR. Seven editions of the "Catalogue of American Engineering and Industry" have been printed by Inreklama. These catalogues contain detailed information concerning American industries during the war years and the postwar period. In 1946, the Service published a book entitled, "American Construction", which describes at length all phases of construction in the United States.

(61-5381-3016 p. 45)

The Amtorg Trading Corporation was permitted to file an exemption statement under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1942. On September 30, 1946, Amtorg officials were advised by the Department of Justice that they were no longer exempt and were required to register under the act. On March 13, 1947, Mr. I. A. Eremin, President of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, advised the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice by letter that officials of the Amtorg Trading Corporation had concluded that Amtorg is exempt from registration under provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The letter pointed out that in view of Amtorg's purely private, non-political, financial and mercantile activities solely in the furtherance of bona fide trade and commerce with commercial organizations in the Soviet Union that it was felt that this organization would fall within the exemption provisions of Section 3-D of the Act. Up to the present time Amtorg has not registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

(61-5381-3016 p. 5)

During the past six months the number of Soviet Nationals employed by Amtorg has been reduced from 240 to approximately 80. It is believed that this reduction has been the result of the curtailment of Amtorg's export activities due to restrictions placed on exports. (61-5381 ltr. from NY 12-6-48 I.N.S. Records)

In connection with the departure of Amtorg officials and the officials of other Soviet establishments in the United States, information has been furnished by a confidential source that accommodations for such departures to the USSR are arranged by officials of Amtorg. (61-5381-3378

Technical Surveillance - Soviet Embassy)

During the course of an interview with [redacted]

he advised that he was [redacted]

According to

[redacted] the Soviet Embassy delegated many of the normal consular duties to the commercial purchasing agencies, i.e., the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and the Amtorg Trading Corporation. [redacted] stated that the President of the SOGC was in charge of the collection of secret intelligence information for transmittal to Moscow. On March 30, 1944, General Hudenko, then President and Chairman of the SOGC, advised [redacted] that he had in his office much valuable secret information regarding tank mortars, navigation

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instruments and secret seaplane devices which he and his subordinates had obtained in the United States. [] stated that Henderko was planning to transmit this material to the Soviet Union at the earliest possible opportunity. b7D

[] stated that there was no doubt in his mind or in the minds of the SOGC representatives that Moscow had at that time complete data on most of the industrial organizations within the United States and that in fact Stalin was better informed on United States industry, the productiveness of the United States firms and the individual personalities of the key men in United States industry than was the United States Government itself.

(61-5381-36)

An individual formerly connected with the Soviet Diplomatic Service stated that NKVD agents would normally be assigned to Soviet commercial agencies. He used the Amtorg Trading Corporation as his example of such a commercial agency. He stated that agents assigned to Amtorg would be part of the Economic Department of the NKVD and that their duties would be generally the same as those assigned to diplomatic establishments. The superior agent would probably be assigned as the head of a particular section; for example, the lumber or metallurgical section. His wife would usually work with him and handle his secretarial work. There would be one or two other agents working under him and they ostensibly would be employed in a minor capacity. The informant stated that these under-agents would be given some legitimate trade jobs to perform in addition to their NKVD activity.

The informant stated that the men assigned to Amtorg would be primarily interested in economic espionage but that they would obtain any and all kinds of restricted information whenever it became available to them. The informant stated that in many cases it was possible for the NKVD men in such positions to conceal their identity from their fellow employees for long periods of time. He stated that the NKVD strictly enforces a rule that espionage reports may never be prepared and enciphered or deciphered in a commercial agency building and that this type of work was normally performed in the Consulate building. The informant stated that the reason for this strict rule involved the problem of extraterritorial national rights inasmuch as a commercial agency building does not possess diplomatic immunity and might be invaded by local authorities and seizures made. The informant stated that in view of this strict rule the superior NKVD agent at Amtorg will generally visit the Consulate daily or at least three times a week. The informant stated that the NKVD agent will send his reports back to NKVD headquarters via diplomatic pouch. The informant stated that all secret Amtorg mail is transmitted to Russia by diplomatic pouch.

(61-5381-35) Leon Helfand
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espionage organizations are found not only in the diplomatic and Consular offices of the Soviets, but also operating under the cover of the Tass News Agency, the Amtorg Trading Corporation and various commercial missions operating in the United States. (61-5381-3499)

[redacted] stated

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[redacted] at the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in Washington, D. C., subsequent to his arrival in U. S.

Upon his arrival in Washington he was interviewed by [redacted]

This informant stated that approximately \$7 to \$8 per month was deducted from his salary at the SOPC as his Communist Party dues. He estimated that 80% of the Amtorg and SOPC engineers were members of the Communist Party. He stated that while he was assigned to the Washington Office of the SOPC he attended two Communist Party meetings which were held in the U.S.S.R. Embassy in a large room on the second floor. The informant was of the opinion that each department of the SOPC held one of these meetings in the Embassy every three or four months. However, informant attended only two meetings in which [redacted]

The informant stated that the meeting would be announced by the Department head who would advise all members of his department that a meeting was to be held in the Embassy at a certain hour and that all Party members must attend. He advised that the meeting, which lasted approximately two hours, concerned itself with a discussion of the statistical accomplishments of his department. He stated that Communist Party meetings, both in the U.S. and in Russia, are very formal affairs and that the primary discussion at such meetings concerned production.

This informant advised that after the recall of [redacted] to [redacted]

The informant stated

that after the SOPC had been [redacted] New York City, [redacted]

He stated that since his arrival in New York City, he had not attended any Communist Party meetings, but that this was due to the short period of time he was stationed in New York City. He added that his Communist Party dues were taken from his salary and turned over to [redacted]

(61-5381-3016 p. 43 and 44)

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The following data is being set forth as examples of the type of irregularities recently committed by Amtorg employees:

On February 24, 1947, Mr. George L. Latimer of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company, 10 East 40th Street, New York City, advised that he had recently received a large order from the Amtorg Trading Corporation for high value resistors which Mr. Latimer suspected might be used by the Soviet Government on experiments dealing with atomic energy.

(61-5381-3016 p. 41)

Mr. E. G. Brown of the Brown Instrument Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that he has carried on a course of business with the Amtorg Trading Corporation since February, 1946. Mr. N. N. Elshin, a buyer of instruments in the Technopromimport Section of the Amtorg Trading Corporation approached him in an attempt to obtain some high vacuum equipment which was not available to the Russian Government. As a result of this restriction Elshin solicited Mr. Brown to purchase this type of equipment from the manufacturers ostensibly for the Brown Instrument Company but actually for resale to the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

(61-5381-3016 p. 34 and 35)

On February 12, 1948, an official of the Sensitive Research Institute Corporation, Mount Vernon, New York, advised that this firm was a research organization, manufacturing and developing intricate testing and research mechanisms. He advised that one of the chief outlets for the products of the firm was the Atomic Energy Commission. He stated that this corporation has sold equipment to the Amtorg Trading Corporation since 1936 and that Amtorg's orders generally paralleled those of the Atomic Energy Commission. This official said that the orders of Amtorg were extremely specific, and that from their nature, it appeared that they had exact knowledge of what to order in the line of equipment that could be used for atomic research.

61-5381-3377 Vincent P. Cronin)

On April 1, 1948, it was ascertained from the Customs Service, New York City, that ten multi-element flight recorders were discovered on the pier at Claremont Terminal, New Jersey, mingled with merchandise which was to be shipped to the U.S.S.R. This equipment was manufactured by the Hathaway Instrument Corporation, and was designed to record pressure and temperature readings in aircraft testing. State Department officials advised that an export license was necessary for the exporting of instant recorders. The recorders were subsequently seized by the U. S. Customs inasmuch as a license had not been secured.

(61-5381-3377 p 13)

An investigation was conducted in August, 1947, for possible violation of the Export Control Act by the Cyclotron Specialties Company in that radiation detection equipment consisting of Geiger-Muller counters, proportional counters, ionization chambers, electroscopes, scaling units

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and count-rate meters were manufactured by the Cyclotron Company under a contract with the Amtorg Trading Corporation and were not securing the proper export control licenses for this type of restricted equipment. Investigation in the New York area disclosed that the Amtorg Trading Corporation had shipped such equipment to Russia on board the SS Mikhail Kutuzov from New York City on August 21, 1947, and that on September 2, 1947, similar items were being loaded at New York City aboard the SS Murmansk for shipment to Leningrad and that the proper export licenses had not been secured for the equipment involved in this shipment. The United States Customs Collector cancelled the clearance previously issued to the Murmansk and advised the Moore McCormack Lines that the questioned items must be removed from the Murmansk before it would be cleared from the New York Harbor. Such removal was immediately effected. (61-5381-3016 p. 34)

On January 11, 1949, it was ascertained from the U.S. Customs that crates at Claremont Terminal, New Jersey, were being held in the name of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. This equipment included four cases of 53 impulse registers and 30 mica window Geiger-teller tubes supplied by the Cyclotron Specialties Company. Officials of the Atomic Energy Commission advised that such material requires a special A.E.C. export license. The U.S. Customs was advised that this material was unlicensed and should not be loaded for shipment unless a license is granted. (61-5381 Teletype from NY 1-11-49)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd
FROM : H. B. Fletcher
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, with aliases
Espionage - R

DATE: January 27, 1949

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The following proposal, in connection with this woman who is employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, is made in order that we may, if possible, obtain legal evidence of her espionage activities at the earliest possible time. You will recall that on January 14, 1949, Judith Coplon met in New York City, Valentine Alekseevich Gubitchev, a Soviet United Nations employee. This meeting strongly indicates that Judith Coplon is still active as a Soviet espionage agent and would tend to indicate that she has been active since being recruited by the M.G.B. (Soviet Intelligence) in December, 1944.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to obtain legal evidence of her espionage activities. To do this it will be necessary to prove that she delivers restricted documents to some unauthorized person. We must also be in a position to prove what the documents are. It is therefore recommended that we prepare a blind memorandum on the Amtorg Trading Corporation containing a review of information appearing in our files.

It is suggested that this document be approximately ten or fifteen pages in length. We are presently in communication with the Department concerning a possible Foreign Agents Registration Act violation on the part of Amtorg and have previously furnished them reports in that case so the preparation of such a memorandum would be entirely logical. It is proposed that we place a memorandum of transmittal to the Department on this blind memorandum in which we state that in connection with any Registration Act violation on the part of Amtorg, we desire to call to the Department's attention that we presently have two Soviet officials of Amtorg serving in a confidential capacity as informants of this Bureau and that these two officials could, if necessary, be used in any contemplated prosecution of Amtorg. This information, of course, would be false but would be of value for two reasons. First, it would make the "bait" attractive and also if and when it reaches the hands of Soviet Intelligence would prove disruptive to both the operations of Amtorg and Soviet Intelligence. Undoubtedly Soviet Intelligence would engage in a widespread investigation to locate their "two traitors" in Amtorg.

After the preparation of such a memorandum it would be necessary to take it to the appropriate officials at the Department who should be advised that the information appearing in the cover memorandum is false. Mr. Foley, the head of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, should also be advised that the cover information is false. He should be requested to see that the memorandum comes to Coplon's attention and to thereafter be in a position where he can advise if Coplon removes the memorandum. At the same time we will have to co-ordinate his activity in this regard inside the Foreign Agents Registration Section with a physical surveillance by Agents of the Washington Field Office on Coplon so that if and when she removes the document we will know it.

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It is believed that this proposal offers us a good opportunity to detect the actual transmission of espionage data. You will appreciate that the receiving of a Bureau memorandum on Amtorg would be of prime interest to Coplon's Soviet principles.

It is felt that if we can detect Coplon in the act of passing such a document we will have a good possibility of doubling her and thereafter using her to penetrate Soviet Intelligence operations or in the alternative we will be in a position to furnish to the Department proof of a violation of the espionage statutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the above, there is attached a memorandum to Mr. Peyton Ford regarding the Amtorg Trading Corporation. You will note that the penultimate paragraph of this memorandum is false.

If approved, the proposed memorandum should not be handled by routine messenger service but should be returned to Mr. H. B. Fletcher, Room 1742, for personal delivery to Mr. Ford.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 31, 1949

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Nichols.....
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Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. Harbo.....
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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Rebulet January 23, 1949. The records of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., were checked and reflect that [redacted] was employed by the U. S. Department of Justice from July 12, 1943 to July 19, 1944. There is a notation in the file to the effect that the working fund of the Office of Economic Warfare was transferred to the Department of Justice. No further information concerning [redacted] was available in these records.

The indices of the Washington Field Office reflect no information concerning this [redacted]

Regarding [redacted] the Readers Guide Indices of the Library of Congress reflected the following articles written by him:

1. An article entitled, "Another Language; Honorable Japanese is a troublesome tongue as our Occupation Troops are finding out", appears on page 26 of the September 23, 1945, New York Times Magazine. This article is a short treatise on the Japanese language with emphasis on the Japanese practice of the functional naming of objects and persons. This same article in abbreviated form under the title, "Honorable Japanese is a Troublesome Tongue", appears on pages 87 and 88 of the December, 1945 issue of the "Science Digest". ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

2. An article entitled, "Bringing Down the House", with a sub-title "With Hammers and Torches the Building Wreckers are busy clearing sites for new construction", appears on page 28 of the February 3, 1946 issue of the New York Times Magazine. This is an article concerned wholly with the building wrecking trade..

Both of the above mentioned articles are of no significance to this investigation.

3. An article entitled, "Top Secret; Nazis at Work", appears on pages 24 to 26 of the August 11, 1947 issue of the "New Republic" Magazine. This article is concerned with "Operations Paperclip", in which it is stated that the German scientists brought to the United States by the Army and Navy to work on technical research in the United States are a great potential threat to the United States security, endangering the most vital defense secrets.

4. An article entitled, "I'd Like to Take it Easy", appears on pages 17 to 20, of the August 18, 1947 issue of the "New Republic". This article is a story about one WILLIAM J. COOK who after 35 years of service with the General

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cc - New York

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
January 31, 1949

Electric Company, now retired, is trying to obtain larger pensions for retired employees of this company.

5. An article entitled, "How to Get on With the Russians", with a sub-heading "Let's Take the Chip Off Our Shoulder, says SAMUEL B. LUSH, a Business Man who Knows What he is Talking About", appears on pages 24 to 26 of the September 15, 1947, issue of the "New Republic". This article concerns itself with one SAMUEL B. LUSH, President of the ~~Lush Trading Company~~ and the ~~Lush Cotton Products Company~~, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It points out that the Lush Trading Company imports products from all over the world and sells them through the United Nations Bazaar in Philadelphia. It further points out that the Lush Cotton Products Company, which imports cotton waste from China, India, and the Soviet Union, does more than 60% of its total business with the Russians. The entire theme of this article is highly favorable to the Russians and disparages the Truman Doctrine and the American Foreign Policy as a threat to war.

In an addendum to the above mentioned articles appearing in the "New Republic", it is noted that [redacted] was formerly on the staff of the New York Times Magazine, Fortune Magazine, and Newsweek Magazine.

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Records of the indices of the Washington Field Office reflect no information concerning [redacted]

The New York Office will, if deemed advisable, discreetly contact the offices of the above mentioned publications and obtain and furnish to the Bureau and the Washington Field Office whatever background information is available on [redacted]

January 25, 1949

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Edward Scheidt
 Special Agent in Charge
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
 New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Scheidt:

In conformity with our agreement with the New York Telephone Company, I am attaching a letter to M. O. M. Taylor, Operating Vice President of the New York Telephone Company, requesting leased line facilities for a surveillance on Judith Coplon. You should arrange for a representative of your office to present my letter to Mr. Taylor, in accordance with the procedure outline in my letter of March 2, 1944 and reiterated in SAC Letter #115, dated November 6, 1946.

If for any reason you do not utilize this surveillance the Bureau should be notified in order that its records may be maintained in a current status.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
 Director

Enclosure

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Authorized by A.G. 1/24/49
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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. O. M. Taylor, Operating Vice President
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Taylor:

In connection with investigations being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under its lawful and established jurisdiction, it is requested that you furnish to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the usual commercial rates leased line facilities between the points set out hereinafter. This request is made upon the specific authorization of the Attorney General of the United States for the purpose of obtaining information in a case involving the national security or the jeopardy of human life and conforming to the conditions of emergency in which special technical facilities are required. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

It is requested that leased line facilities be furnished as follows:

From: 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York
To: 471 Fourth Avenue, New York New York

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ¹⁷⁴² MR. FLETCHER *ABFW*

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: January 31, 1949

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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Clive Palmer advised me on Saturday, January 29, 1949, that Miss Thomas, Secretary to Mr. Peyton Ford, had advised him that she had been suspicious of Judith Coplon and also of one ~~Uld~~ Eldred, who was presently secretary to Mr. Foley in the Criminal Division, that Eldred had been a very close friend of one Rose Fox, formerly also in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, but who is now deceased. Fox was considered to be one who followed the Communist Party line.

Miss Thomas also advised that Irma Kalnan, who was formerly in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and who is now a translator for the Bureau be interviewed as well as one Ronald MacDonald, who is now in the Assistant Solicitor General's office.

It is suggested that these two people be interviewed concerning Judith Coplon and it is suggested that arrangements be made to interview Miss Thomas, Secretary to Peyton Ford.

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Mrs. Irma Kalnan was interviewed on February 1, 1948, at which time she advised that she had been employed as a political analyst and translator in the Foreign Agents Registration Section from October 12, 1942 until February 1, 1946. At that time the Foreign Agents Registration Section was in the Hutchins Building. She stated that while she did not know Judith Coplon well, she has a feeling that Miss Coplon is Communistically inclined, although she has no specific information on which to base this suspicion. She recalled that Judith Coplon had been friendly with Louis Nemzer and Bernard Morris. Mrs. Kalnan is also suspicious of these two individuals. She recalled that on one occasion in discussing with Nemzer the Mikhailovich - Tito issue, Nemzer expressed himself in favor of Tito and said, "We can only support those who are fighting on our side", indicating to Mrs. Kalnan that he thought Mikhailovich was a traitor. According to Mrs. Kalnan, Nemzer is now employed at some university which she believed is in Ohio.

Mrs. Kalnan also said that Judith Coplon was not well liked by a number of those employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section as she was known as "a girl with a pull". Mrs. Kalnan mentioned that she had seen Coplon on the street several months ago, at which time Judith Coplon asked Mrs. Kalnan about her trip to Czechoslovakia and also commented that she, herself, had made a trip to France

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in the summer of 1948. Mrs. Kalman was also acquainted with Adele Miller and has heard her criticize Judith Coplon but she did not have any knowledge of any dispute between the two women. She felt that [redacted] was perhaps caused by her being too religious.

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You should make immediate arrangements to thoroughly interview Miss Thomas who is employed in Mr. Peyton Ford's office and following such interview, contact Ronald MacDonald for any information he may have. These interviews, of course, should be conducted in such a manner as to insure that our investigation of this woman is maintained on a discreet basis.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *ABFW*

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Pennington	
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Miss Gandy	

There is attached a memorandum to the Washington Field Office instructing them to interview Miss Thomas of Mr. Peyton Ford's office and also to interview Ronald MacDonald who is presently working in the Solicitor General's office.

You will note that the results of the interview conducted with Mrs. Irma Kalnan regarding Judith Coplon is set forth in some detail in the attached letter. Mrs. Kalnan, as you know, is presently employed as a translator at the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION: This is for your information.

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CAG, Washington Field

January 25, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPSON
ESPIONAGE - R

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

As your office was orally instructed by Assistant Director D. W. Ladd on January 24, 1949, provided full security is assured, authorization is given to install a technical and microphone surveillance on Room 2220, Department of Justice Building. You are requested to advise the Bureau of the date and time of this installation as well as the symbol number and plant location.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
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By messenger

10:25 am 1-26-49

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Subject JUDITH COPLON

This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 1/24/49, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 31, 1949

Reference is made to letter from New York to the Director dated January 24, 1949, setting forth certain addresses. The following name and address, identical with that listed in instant letter, is contained in the current Kenosha, Wisconsin, Telephone Directory:

~~MAX COPLON~~
6036 25th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The names of MAX COPLON and HENRY BECKER were checked against the indices of the Milwaukee Office with negative results.

An agent of this office has advised that there is an apartment building known as Alban Towers, located at the intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues in Washington, D. C., which may possibly be the correct address for HENRY BECKER, as listed in reference letter. RUC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 1, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)

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(Bureau file ~~65-58068~~ and ~~100-77232~~)

Re New York letter to Bureau January 24, 1949.

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Newark indices negative on the names in reference letter. The spelling of all names verified; addresses all verified with the exception of HELEN MESEL. The address of HELEN MESEL according to 1948 City Directory of Paterson, New Jersey was found to be 120 Genesee Avenue instead of 160 Genesee Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

cc Washington Field
New York (65-14932)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

DATE: February 1, 1949

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to the Bureau dated 1/24/49.

Reference is made to Washington Field teletype to New Haven dated 11/17/47 in the case entitled "ARTHUR ROBERT ROSENBAUM, W.A.A., L.G.E." requesting the New Haven office to interview a Mrs. MARTIN RAFF, formerly Miss MARIAN GORE, of 559 Orange Street, New Haven, who had once been a member of the State Department branch, Local #3, U.P.W.A. Mrs. RAFF was interviewed at that time and gave information about ROSENBAUM, a MARCELLE DIANE ELINSON, and a group of U.P.W.A. members in Washington, D.C. who followed the Communist Party line, which Mrs. RAFF claimed she had opposed.

This information was forwarded to the Washington Field by letter dated April 20, 1948 entitled "STATE DEPARTMENT BRANCH, LOCAL #3, U.P.W.A.; Mrs. MORTON RAFF, Informant, SECURITY MATTER - C". This information was also set out in detail with respect to ROSENBAUM and ELINSON in the report of SA FRANK V. BATTLE dated 11/21/47 at New Haven in the case entitled "ARTHUR ROBERT ROSENBAUM, W.A.A., Washington, D. C., L.G.E.", a copy of which was forwarded to the Washington Field Office.

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It is noted that in supplying information about the above individuals Mrs. MORTON RAFF furnished some background information relating to herself. Since the files of the New Haven Office contain no further information about Mr. and Mrs. MORTON RAFF and the Bureau and Washington Field have this information in detail, no further action is contemplated by this office. RUC.

cc: Washington Field
cc: New York

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DIRECTOR, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. [] ADVISED ON JANUARY 31, 1949, THAT BERNARD S. MORRIS, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THIS DATE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM COPLON CONCERNING THE "NATIONAL COUNCIL" AND DISCUSSED CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THIS MATERIAL AND WHETHER SHE COULD FURNISH INFORMATION TO HIM. [] ADVISED THAT ON FEBRUARY 1, 1949, COPLON ENDEAVORED TO FIND A MEMORANDUM FROM THE FBI TO THE DEPARTMENT FURNISHED IN THE FALL OF 1947 ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP. SHE WAS ADVISED THAT THIS MEMORANDUM IS CONFIDENTIAL AND COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO HER WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF MR. FOLEY. EARLIER ON FEBRUARY 1, 1949, COPLON ADVISED A MR. MCKNIGHT, BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT SHE WOULD BE IN HIS BUILDING TOMORROW OR THURSDAY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. L. J. LAUGHLIN *LJL*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE R

DATE: February 3, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In your absence Mr. Bill Foley of the Department called at 10:35 today and stated that Coplon's departure from the building is scheduled at about 11:00 A.M. today.

This information was furnished immediately upon receipt to Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office for his information and appropriate action. It was also given to Supervisor Lamphere.

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SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

February 2, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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In an effort to determine if Coplon is presently delivering documents to her Soviet Intelligence superiors, the Bureau has prepared a short summary memorandum on the Amtorg Trading Corporation on which there was placed a memorandum of transmittal to the Department in which it was stated that the Bureau is presently using as informants on a confidential basis, two highly placed officials of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. This memorandum which has been prepared from a Foreign Agents Registration angle will reach Judith Coplon's hands and it is contemplated that she will either attempt to transmit the documents for copying purposes to her contacts or in the alternative will orally pass the information concerning the two Amtorg officials. This information, is as you know, false, and has been prepared for deceptive purposes.

The Washington Field office, as previously advised, should be alert for the transmittal of any documents by Coplon.

The New York office should report any information which might be developed to the effect that an investigation of officials at Amtorg is undertaken by Soviet Intelligence. This might be indicated by numerous transfers of Amtorg officials, the calling of Amtorg officials to the Soviet United Nations Headquarters or in their being called to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.

cc New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
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Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
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Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

In connection with a typewritten statement dated June 5, 1946, made by one [redacted] concerning Judith Coplon accusing Coplon of being part of a Communist clique and having taken confidential material out of the Department of Justice Building, you noted "Find out where these statements have been since 1946 and why they were not given to us sooner".

You will recall that these statements of [redacted] were made available to us by Mr. Leroy McCauley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Mr. McCauley was interviewed by agents of the Washington Field office and stated that for some time prior to June 5, 1946, [redacted] had come to him on several occasions and complained that she was being persecuted by persons in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. She spoke of being watched by her fellow employees and alleged that they were casting spells over her. [redacted] later came to Mr. McCauley and told him that so many things were "buzzing around" in her head that she desired to be given a private room so that she could write these thoughts down as they came to her. Mr. McCauley did this to keep her quiet, assigning her a room and later a typewriter as she could type faster than she could write. Mr. McCauley stated that one morning when she was supposedly typing this material he received a call from the Secret Service advising him that [redacted]

The information had not been furnished to the Bureau by Mr. McCauley because he felt certain that in view of [redacted] it would not be of interest to the Bureau. However, when it came to his attention that Miss Coplon was being investigated, he decided to furnish the information to the Bureau for whatever purpose it might serve.

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Mr. McCauley was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the allegations made by [] of Miss Coplon's activities.

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ACTION:

The above is for your information in connection with your comment concerning this matter.

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part.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Albany
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 3, 1949

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Re NY let 1/24/49 to the Bureau.

The name and address of ANN COPLON, 547 Park Avenue, Albany, New York, Albany telephone 2-9425, was checked through the Albany indices negatively.

A check of the city directories from 1939 through 1948 reflects that this individual's correct name is ANNE COPLON and has resided at 547 Park Avenue at least since 1939. The Albany indices on this individual were checked negatively.

The city directories reflect that she is presently employed as a stenographer for New York State Executive Department for the Division of Alcohol Beverage Commission, Albany, New York.

The credit records of Leslie's Credit Bureau, Albany, New York, were checked negatively.

ANNE COPLON took a New York State Civil Service examination in July of 1944, which reflected that she was born February 22, 1902 at New York City, and at that time she claimed in her questionnaire that she had resided in Albany, New York for 42½ years. She attended the Albany Public Schools from 1909 to 1916, Albany High School for one year, 1916-1917, and Albany Business College in 1923.

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cc - New York (65-14932)

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : *Wush* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 9, 1949

R. J. [unclear]
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On February 9, 1949, a surveillance was conducted on the subject by Special Agents ROBERT E. LEONARD and ROBERT L. SMELTZER, and the following activity noted.

At 12:25 P. M., she left the Department of Justice Building and proceeded to Ceres Restaurant, 1307 - E Street, N. W., where she met a man whose description will be set forth later. The meeting appeared to be pursuant to an appointment. They left the restaurant after dining, at approximately 1:20 P. M., and proceeded to the front of Garfinckel's Department Store on the F Street side, between 14th and 15th Streets, N. W., where they conversed and walked aimlessly around.

Shortly thereafter, subject entered the department store alone and the man boarded a "Riverside Stadium" bus and proceeded to Annex 1, State Department, at 23rd and E Streets, N. W., where he entered room 412, the door of which bore the lettering, "Division of Passports and Communications". Subject was not observed to pass any document or article to the man within the observation of the surveilling agents.

The description of the aforementioned unidentified man is as follows:

Age:	approximately 32 to 36 years
Height:	approximately 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	170 to 175 pounds
Complexion:	medium to dark
Hair:	short, black, flecked with grey
Nose:	long, Roman type
Glasses:	flesh tinted, rimmed
Carriage:	slightly stooped
Dress:	hatless; wore grey top coat and brown suit

[Handwritten circle] It is noted that the current State Department directory lists BERNARD S. MORRIS as being assigned to room 412, State Department, Annex 1.

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FROM : *W.H. Hurn* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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Attached is a list of FBI Reports which according
to a highly confidential source of information were on
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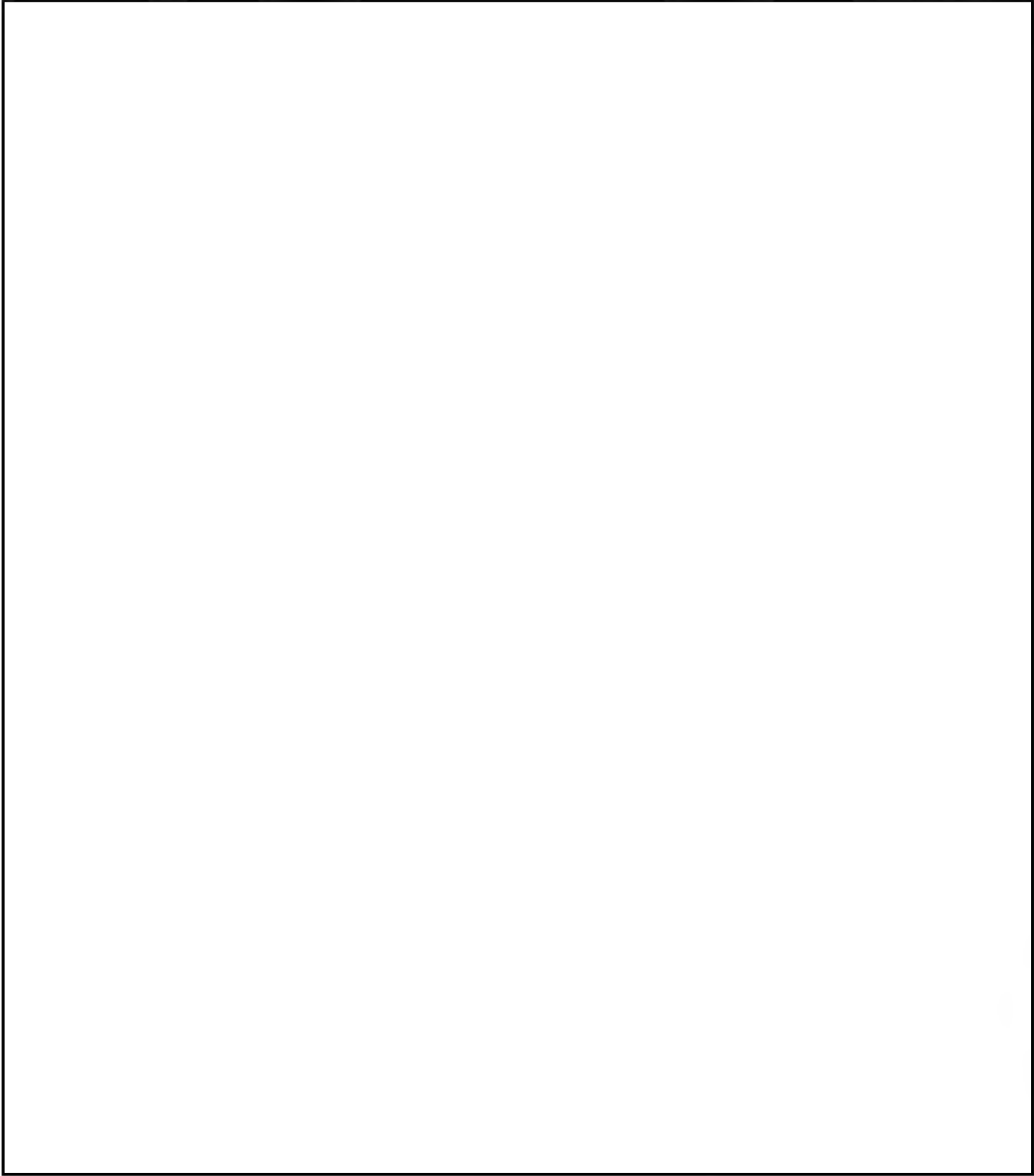
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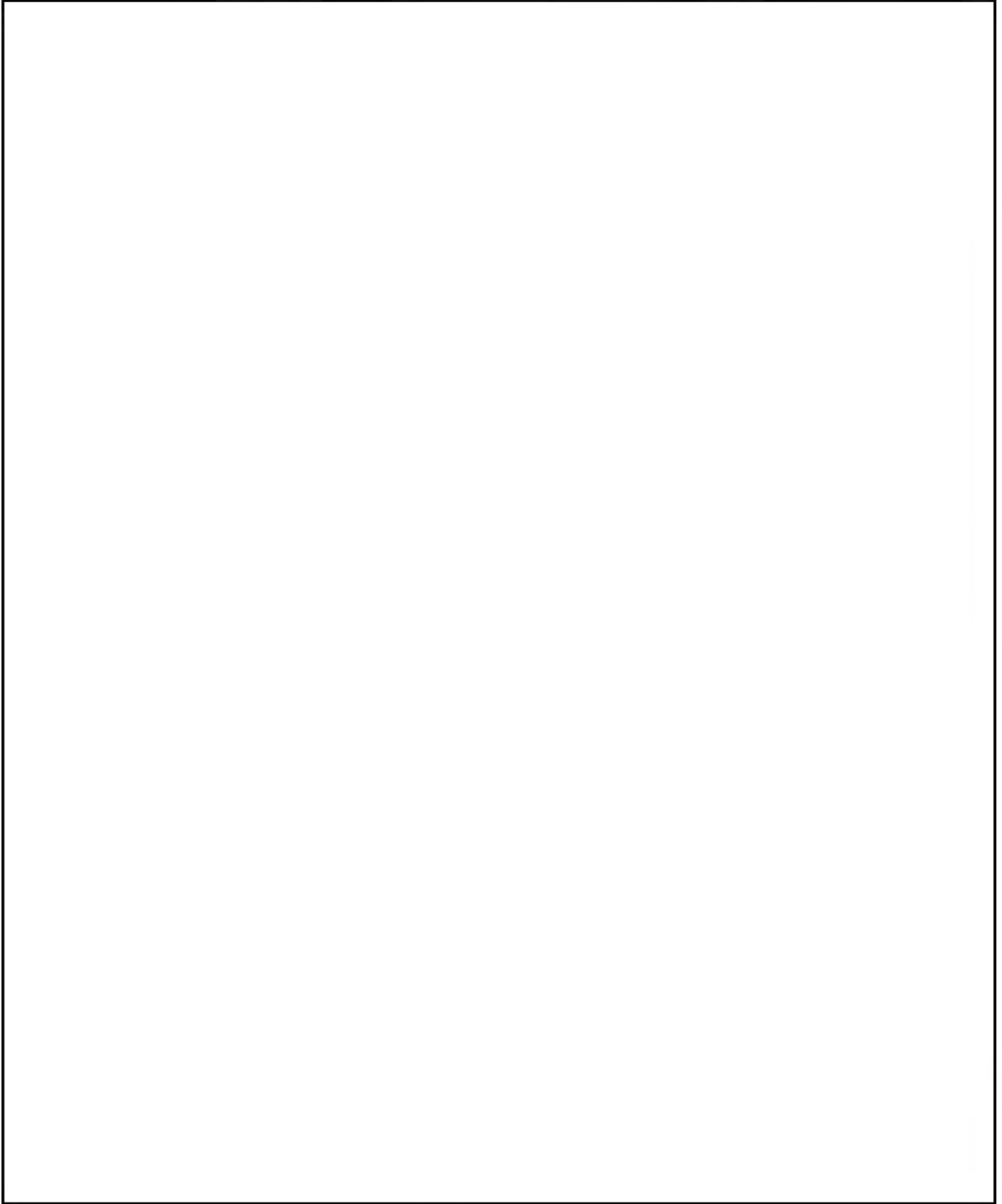
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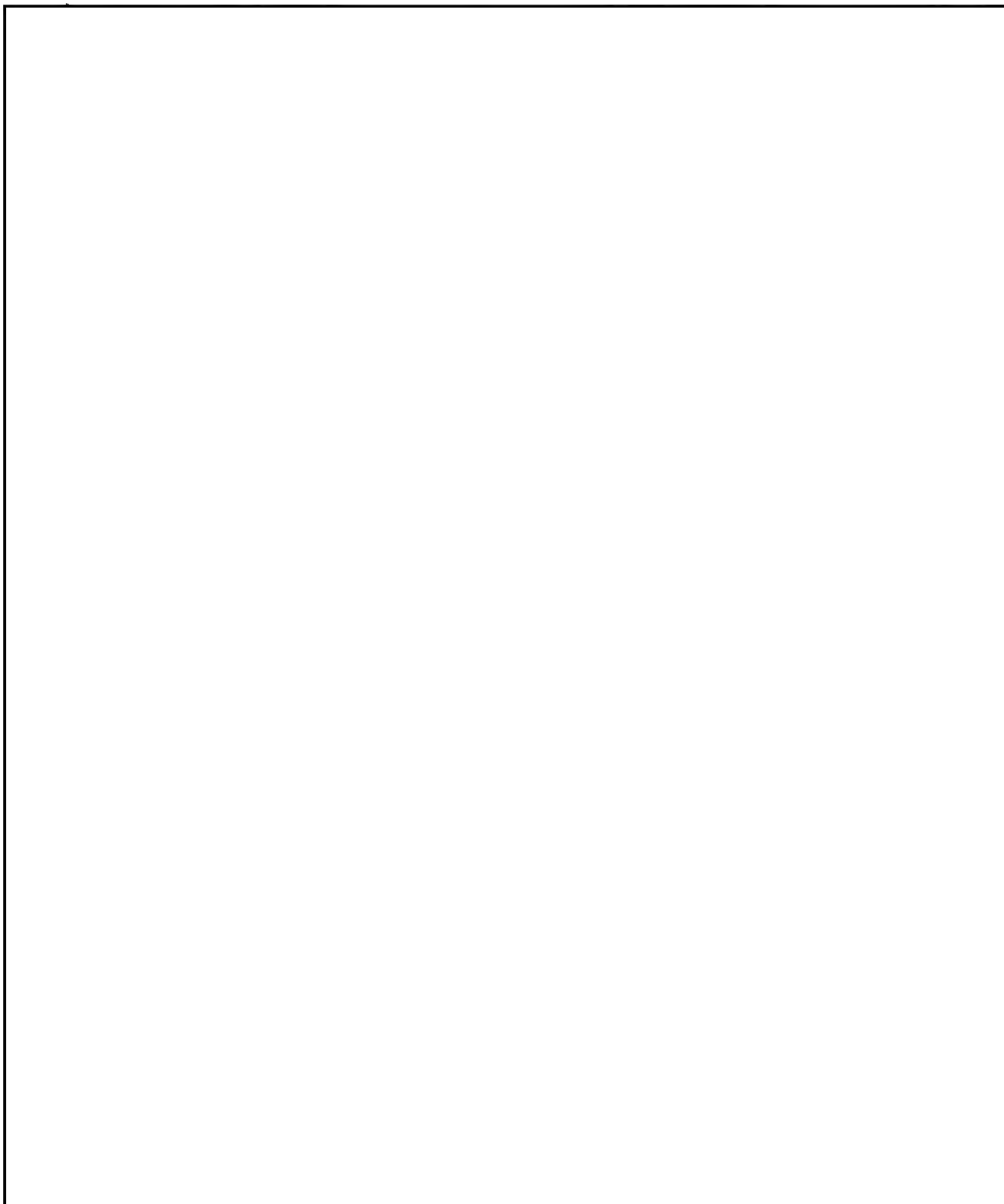


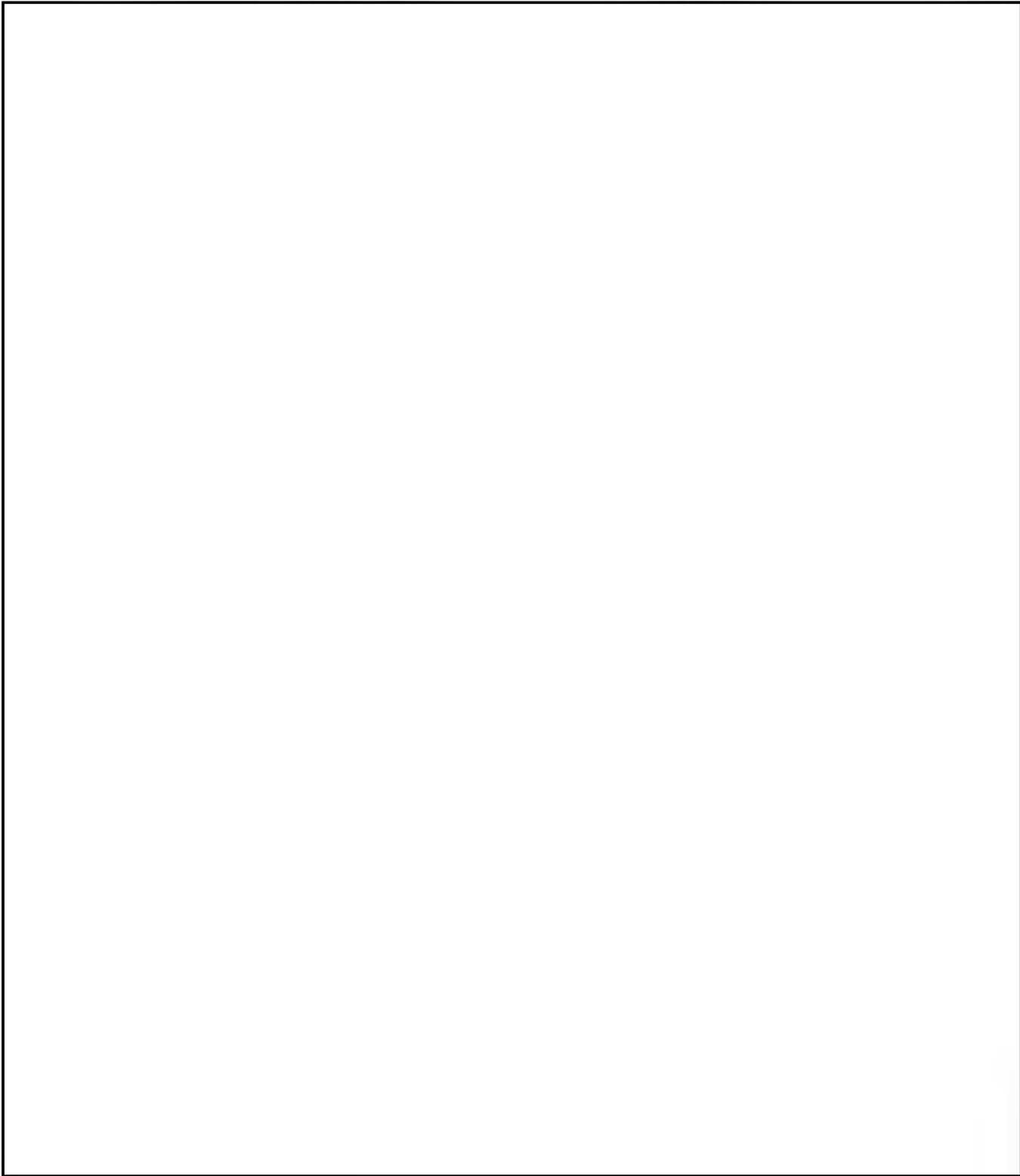


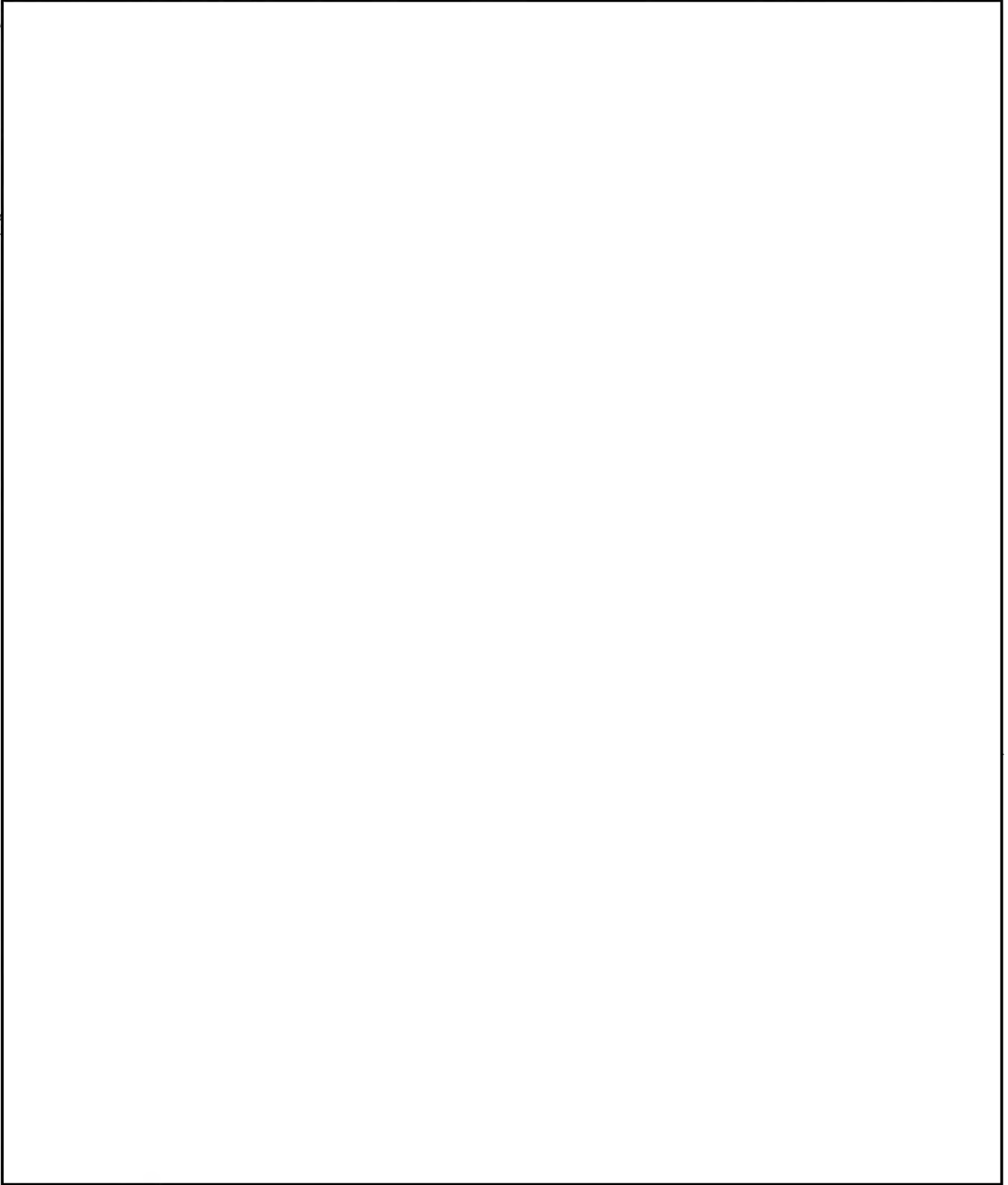
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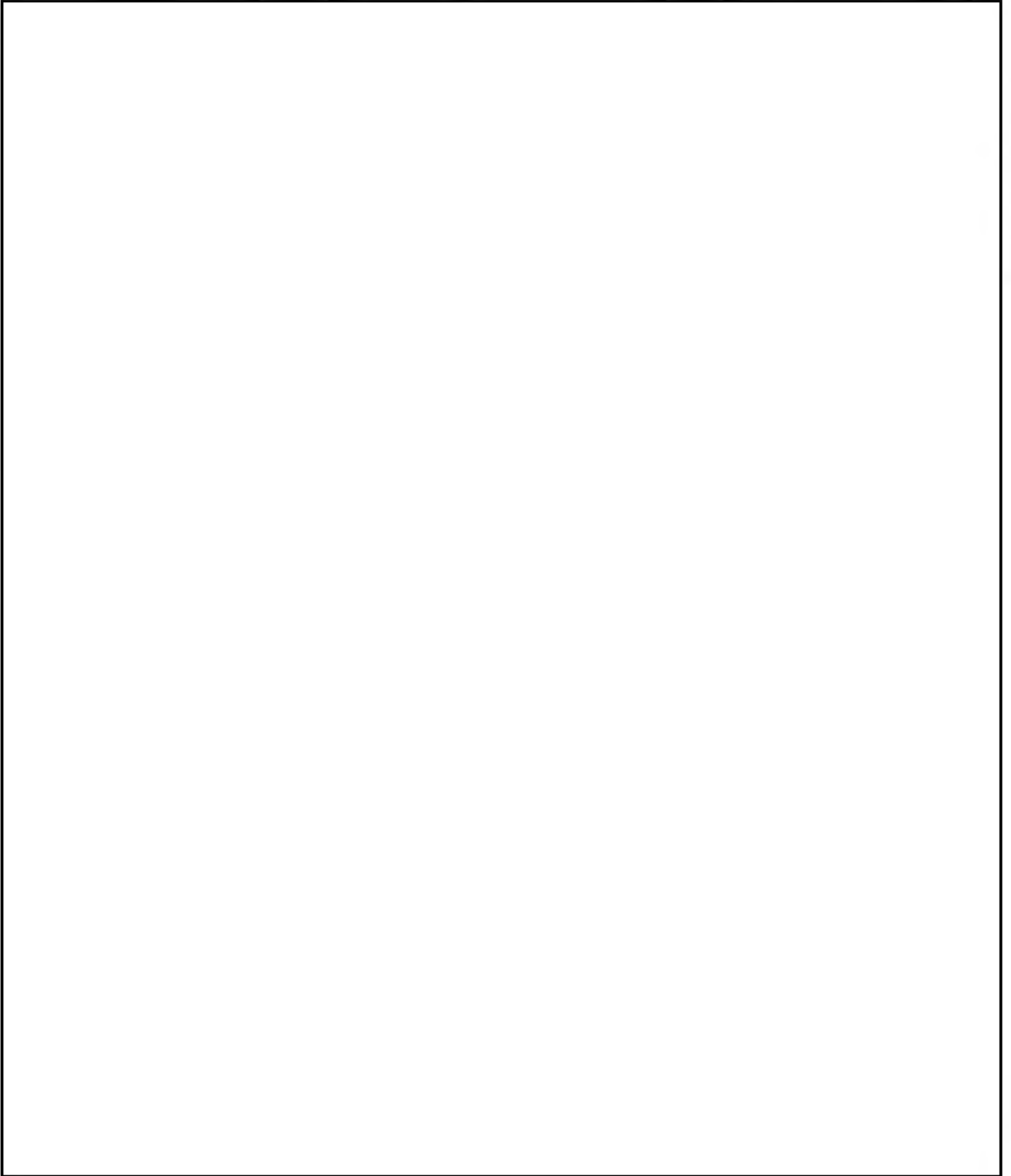


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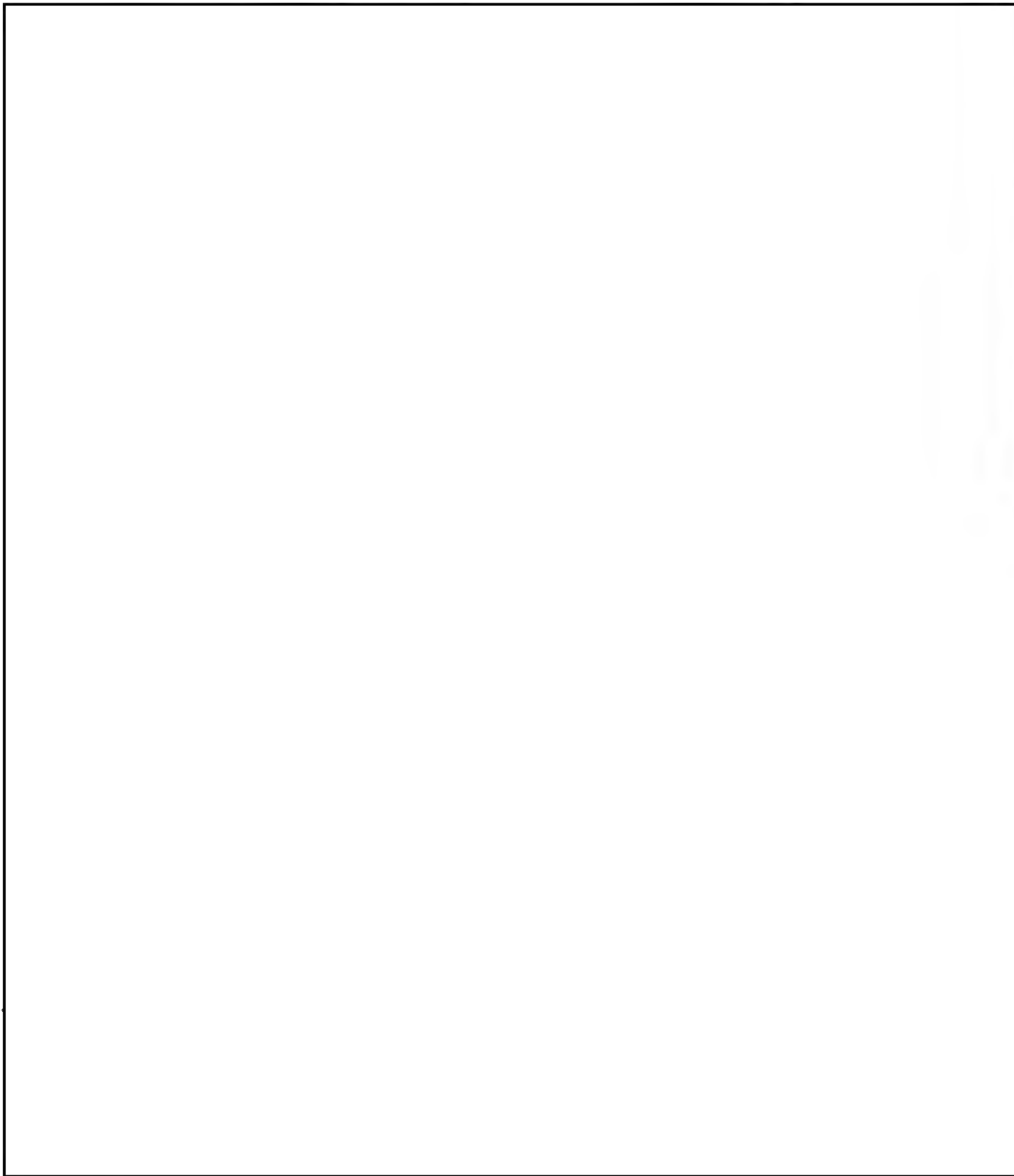


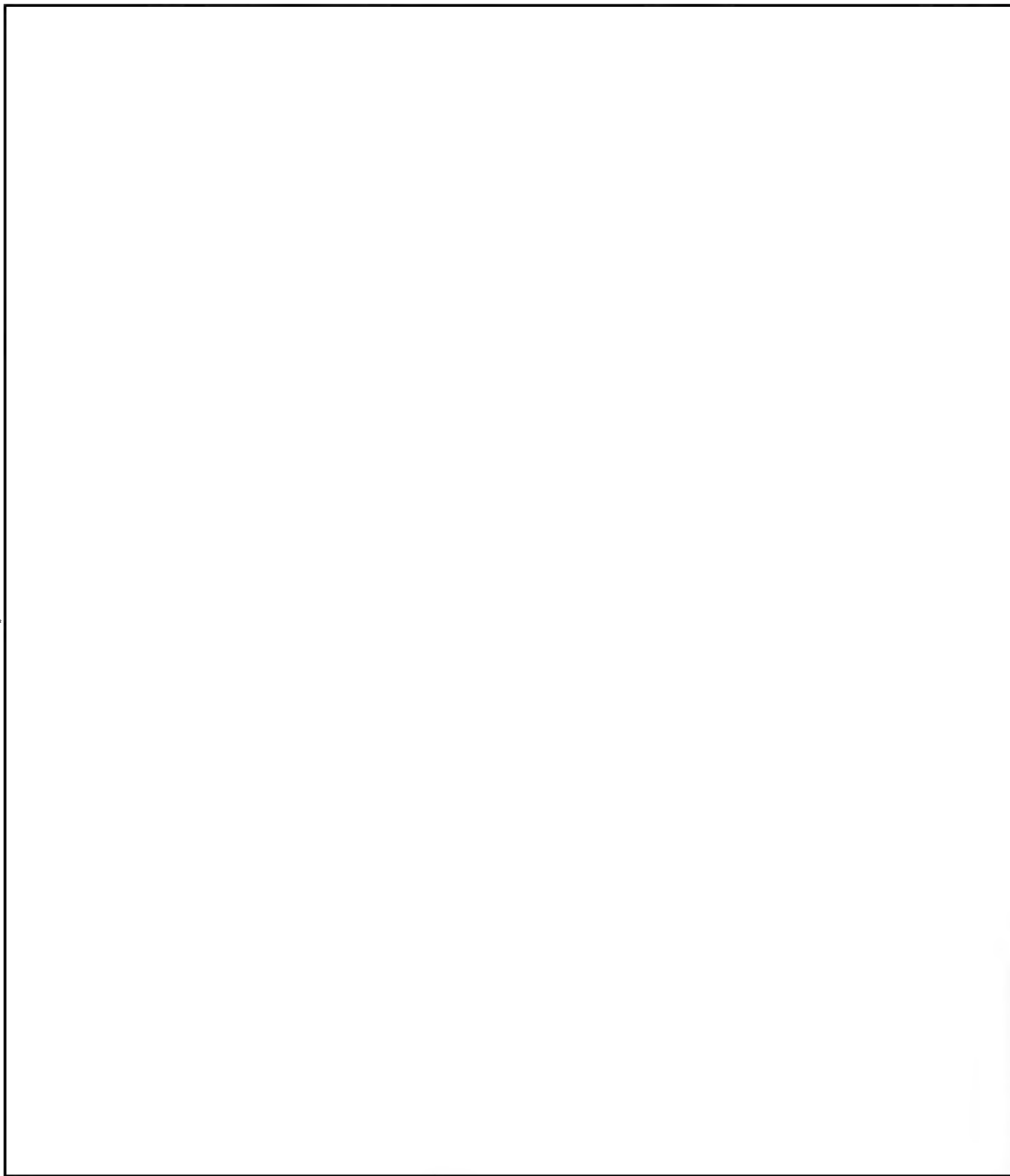




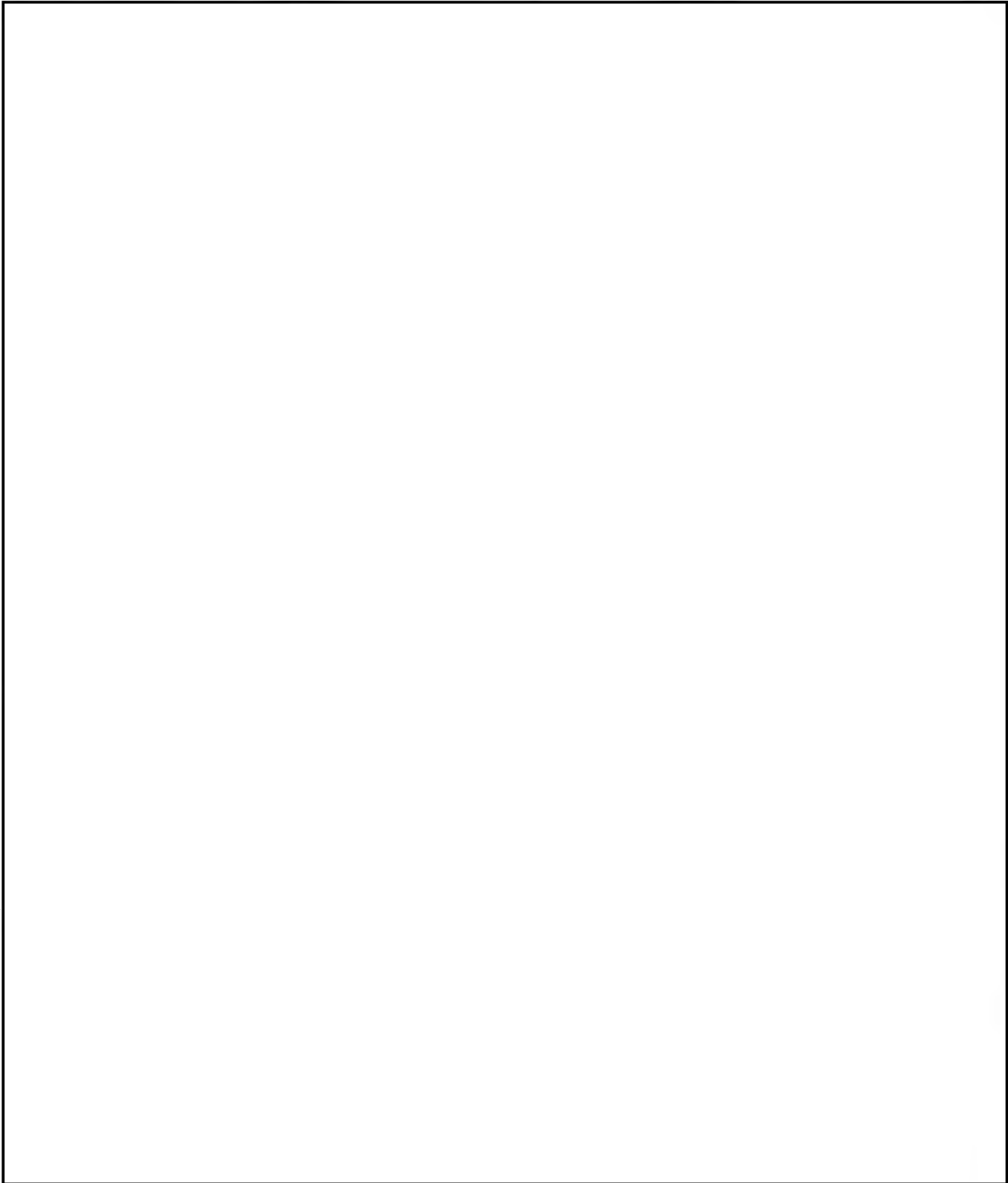


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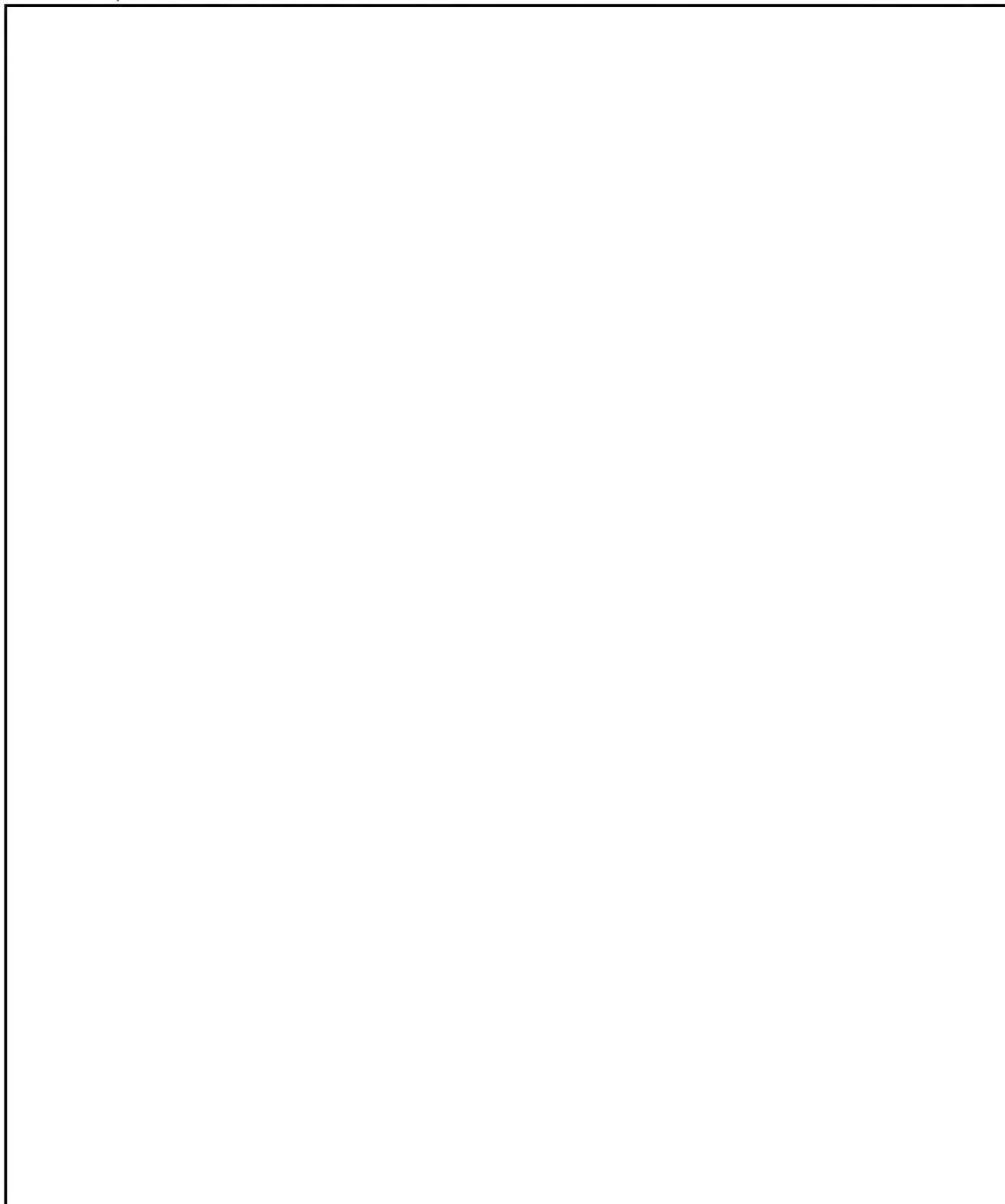


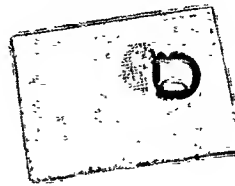




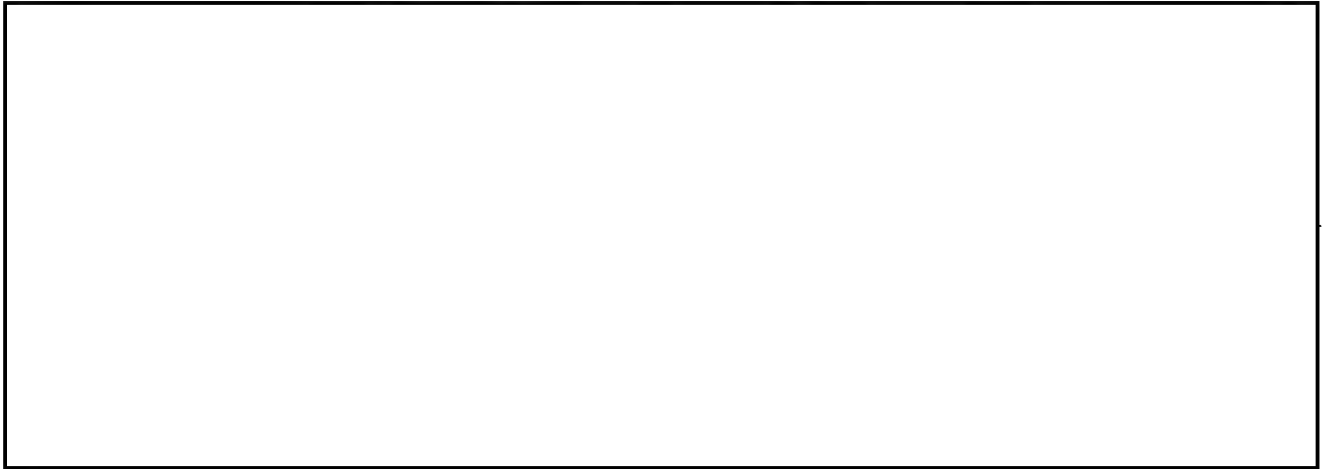


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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, DENVER
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON (SOVME)
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DATE: February 9, 1949

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Reference New York City letter to the Bureau dated January 24, 1949, requesting a file check on various names.

The Metropolitan Denver Telephone Directory issued in October 1948 lists a RUSSEL H. COLE residing at 851 South Windemere Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, Telephone No. 647-H; hence, it appears that the name and address listed are correct.

The name Mrs. RUSSELL COLE has been checked through the indices of the Denver Office with negative results.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Seattle
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)
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DATE:

February 10, 1949

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Relet New York to Bureau 1/24/49.

FLOYD B. SHERMAN, Superintendent of Mails, Yakima, Washington, Post Office, verified the correct spelling of the name LORRAINE RELANDER, and advised that her address at present is Route 3, Box 149, Yakima, Washington. This is the location of the Vogue Auto Courts, located on the Western outskirts of Yakima on the Naches Highway. Mr. SHERMAN stated that one C. C. RELANDER also receives mail at this same address. The telephone at this address is listed in the name of CLICK C. RELANDER.

The files of the Seattle Office contain no information regarding LORRAINE or CLICK C. RELANDER.

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SAC, New York City

February 2, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, WA
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In connection with the recent contacts between Judith Coplon and Helen Siegel in New York City, the personnel file of [redacted] was obtained from the Department of Justice and reflects the following information:

[redacted] was born [redacted] in the Bronx, New York City. Her father's name is [redacted] who was also born in New York City, and her mother's maiden name [redacted] and she was born in New York City. In her application, dated June 28, 1943, [redacted] listed [redacted] of the Physicist's Laboratory, Bureau of Mines at Pittsburgh. [redacted] listed the following education: PS 73, 164 Anderson Avenue, New York City - 1928 - 1935; Walton High School, 1935 - 1939; Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, 1939 - 1942; Barnard College, 1942 - 1943. The application indicates that Miss Siegel obtained an AB degree at Barnard College. She listed her foreign language abilities as reading French and German and speaking French. She applied for the position of Research Assistant and entered on duty July 12, 1943. She indicated that she had previously taken a Civil Service examination for Junior Professional Assistant in July, 1943.

A memorandum in the file dated July 22, 1943 signed by Mr. Hugh B. Cox recommended her for a position in the Economic Warfare Section in New York City. An efficiency rating dated March 31, 1944 at New York City was made by Robert Wohlforth and rated Miss Siegel as "Very Good." She submitted her resignation on June 27, 1944 to take effect June 30, 1944. This resignation is actually noted in the Departmental files as taking effect on July 14, 1944. There was no reason noted for the resignation.

There are attached for possible assistance in further investigation of this girl in connection with this case three photographs obtained from her application for employment with the Department of Justice, for both the New York and Washington Field Offices.

In line with previous instructions issued by the Bureau, every attempt should be made to determine if this woman might be identical with the unknown subject Sora, concerning whom Confidential previously been furnished information.

cc: Washington

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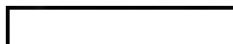
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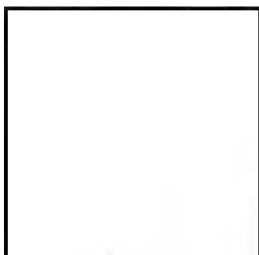
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. FEBRUARY 18, 1949

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Transmit the following message to: SAC'S NEW YORK
WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT BOTH COPLON AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE, GRADUATING IN JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE,
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ZORA ALSO GRADUATED IN THAT CLASS. IF PRACTICABLE FROM
SECURITY POINT OF VIEW, NEW YORK SHOULD REVIEW BARNARD RECORDS ON THAT CLASS TO
DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE GIRLS HAD A STEPFATHER. THEREAFTER NEW YORK SHOULD
SUBMIT NAMES AND BIRTH DATA TO BUREAU AND WFO FOR CHECK BY WFO OF CIVIL SERVICE
RECORDS AS ZORA KNOWN TO HAVE WORKED FOR GOVERNMENT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 1-26-49

FROM : *Ph* H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called and stated that Special Agent Robert Paul had occasion yesterday to discuss a pending matter with Mr. McCauley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Antitrust Division. During the contact, Mr. McCauley asked who was handling the "Coplon case." Special Agent Paul expressed ignorance concerning this case. Mr. McCauley then said he had some information about it that he would like to furnish to the Bureau.

It would appear that the "Coplon case" is getting around in the Department. Since Mr. McCauley obviously has knowledge of it, it is recommended that a Special Agent conversant with the case contact him and see what information he has which might be of value.

Supervisor Delavigne stated that the technical-microphone coverage in Coplon's office is in operation and that he would furnish matters which appear to be pertinent to this case as promptly as they occur as revealed by this coverage.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: January 27, 1949

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the attached memorandum dated January 26, 1949 relative to a conversation an agent of the Washington Field Office had with Mr. Leroy McCauley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Anti-Trust Division. Mr. McCauley had indicated that he had information pertinent to the Coplon investigation. Mr. McCauley subsequently furnished to Mr. Foley, who delivered to the Bureau a folder containing three lengthy statements made by [redacted] who was an employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. [redacted]

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The typewritten statements, the first of which is dated June 5, 1946, bear out the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] She does appear to have considerable knowledge of the activities of Coplon and Coplon's associates in the Foreign Agents Registration Section. She claims that Coplon and her associates were part of a Communist clique, that Coplon was taking confidential material out of the Department of Justice Building, that Coplon had an unofficial means of getting material from OSS, that Coplon falsified her personnel file to advance herself by changing her ratings. She also states that Coplon is [redacted] and furnished considerable information concerning Judith Coplon's mother indicating the mother was in Washington, D. C. for a considerable period of time and was actively associated in her daughter's activities. [redacted] claims that Coplon, Louis Nemzer, [redacted] and others in the Foreign Agents Registration Section had conspired to get her [redacted] out of the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

The statements are extremely difficult to understand due to the disordered manner in which they are written. It is felt that Mr. Leroy McCauley may be able to explain certain portions of the statements and may possibly be able to supplement some of the material.

It is of interest to note that we originally investigated Coplon as a Departmental applicant in 1943 and were requested to bring the investigation up-to-date in 1946. It would appear possible that the Department in requesting the investigation in 1946 was basing the request on information which had come to their attention from [redacted] without, of course, giving us the benefit of the information.

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Memo for Mr. Ladd

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr. McCauley be interviewed by an Agent familiar with this case in order to supplement and explain the statements of [] and, in order to obtain any other information he may have concerning Judith Coplon.

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OK.
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Find out when these statements have been since 1946 & why they were not given to us sooner.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 1, 1949

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In accordance with the request of the Bureau, Mr. LEROY McCAULEY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and an Administrative Officer of the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, was interviewed on January 31, 1949.

Mr. McCAULEY was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the allegations made by [redacted] of Miss COPLON's activities.

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Mr. McCAULEY stated that for sometime prior to the date of the type-written material furnished him by [redacted] at the time when he was the Administrative Officer of the Criminal Division, she had come to him on several occasions prior to June 5, 1946, and complained that she was being persecuted by persons in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department, which Section was then located in the Hutchins Building, 939 - D Street, N. W. She told him that [redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. McCAULEY said that [redacted] later came to him and told him that so many things were "buzzing around" in her head concerning the Foreign Agents Registration Section that she desired to be given a private room so that she could write these thoughts down as they came to her. He said that in order to keep her quiet, he assigned her a room but that she then came to him and requested the use of a typewriter as she could type much faster than she could write. He said that he granted this request and furnished her with the typewriter.

Mr. McCAULEY stated that during the time that she was supposedly typing this material, he, one morning around 10:00 A. M. received a call from the U. S. Secret Service advising him that [redacted] was [redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. McCAULEY stated that at the time [redacted] she was immediately dropped from the rolls of the Department but that after her release [redacted]

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
February 1, 1949

[redacted] she returned to demand re-instatement to her former job and furnished him with the typewritten memorandum which she had been writing [redacted] He said that he had shown the material to Mr. CLIVE PALMER, Chief of the Loyalty Board and Special Assistant to the Attorney General for Personnel Matters, under Mr. PEYTON FORD, and that they agreed that in view of all of the foregoing circumstances, the material was a "figment of [redacted] imagination", and that he therefore filed it away for whatever future reference might possibly be made of it. He stated that he had not furnished it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation because he felt certain that in view of [redacted] mental condition, the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not have been interested in it. He stated, however, that when the present investigation of JUDITH COPLON by the Federal Bureau of Investigation came to his attention he thought of this material, and decided to furnish it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for whatever purpose it might serve.

In 1946, when the Foreign Agents Registration Section was transferred to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, it was deemed advisable that investigations be conducted of the personnel of this Section and Miss COPLON was among the employees investigated at this time. It should be noted that both Mr. CLIVE PALMER and Mr. LEROY McCAULEY have an extremely high regard for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have gone out of their way on numerous occasions in assisting the Washington Field Office in obtaining information desired by the Bureau. In this connection, Mr. McCAULEY has rendered unusual service and has been most cooperative with agents of the Washington Field Office.

SAC, Washington Field

February 16, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

In view of the fact that Judith Coplon's present position gives her access to numerous FBI reports of a confidential nature as well as access to other restricted material, it will be necessary to bring this case to a conclusion at an early date. It is contemplated that following her trip to New York City on February 18, 1949, for the week end, consideration will be given to interviewing her at an early date. While such an interview will be aimed at gaining her cooperation in acting as a double agent, there is, of course, a strong likelihood that the interview will not be successful in this and that the espionage activities of Coplon and Gubitchev will cease. The activities of other persons active in the network, not known to us, will also probably cease at least temporarily. In order that we may be in as good a position as possible at the time of the interview, it is imperative that all possible investigative leads be completed by the date of interview. This means that our investigative coverage of the following leads must be expedited:

1. We must determine, in so far as is possible, the extent and nature of the espionage activities being engaged in by Valentine A. Gubitchev. This necessitates that his activities from now until the interview of Coplon should be given full coverage through technical and spot physical surveillances.
2. On February 18, 1949, both Coplon and Gubitchev should be under physical surveillances in order that we may have coverage of any meeting which takes place between the two persons. The physical surveillances should be extremely discreet in nature and it may be necessary to drop the surveillances for security reasons following the meeting.
3. We should determine additional background information concerning Seymour Nagan and check his activities by spot surveillances to determine if he is the espionage contact between Coplon and her Soviet principles.

4. We should determine background information concerning other contacts of Coplon in an effort to determine which of her contacts and associates may also be engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

5. We should determine the nature of the present activities being engaged in by [redacted] who has been tentatively identified as the [redacted] who was employed by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. The investigation of her in New York City should be expedited.

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6. We should continue to make every effort to identify the unknown subject Zora who recruited Coplon as a Soviet agent.

In addition to the foregoing, it is contemplated that if the interview with Coplon, when conducted, is unsuccessful in developing her as a double agent, the various contacts and associates of Coplon will be interviewed in an effort to determine the nature of their association with her. You should keep the Bureau fully advised of all developments in this matter as they occur.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 14, 1949

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Re report of Special Agent SCOTT MILLER, dated January 28, 1949, at New York, New York in this matter, which on page 22 calls attention to the fact that the entry in COPLON's [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] had advised that the subject in a conversation with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she would be in New York on the 18th and thought that she would be free that evening after nine but would have to go home early. The subject stated that she would not be in New York before 5:00 P. M. She first suggested that [redacted] call her at home, GE 8-1048, but then said "I've just been thinking it over, I don't think I want my mother to know that I'll be in and not go right home". During the conversation, PAULINE said, "Listen, you know I have that book for you - I've had it ever since". COPLON replied, "That's okay, I have the thing for you". No definite arrangements between COPLON and [redacted] were arrived at and it was agreed that if COPLON did not hear from [redacted] by mail, the former will know that [redacted] just couldn't arrange anything for that Friday. COPLON also mentioned that she intended seeing her "two married friends in Flushing" on Saturday, February 19, 1949.

Informant further advised that subject informed [redacted] that she was going to New York on February 18th. [redacted] then told COPLON that her sister SOPHIE PEARLBERG, nee ELKINS, in New York wants to introduce COPLON to a young man. [redacted] described this man as a French Jew, short and rather bald, whose father is a multi-millionaire in the steel industry in Paris, France. The man's name was given as LUZAR (phonetic) and COPLON stated that she would plan on seeing LUZAR on Sunday night, February 20th. [redacted] then said that LUZAR had a sister who married an American and is living in Pittsburgh. She said that LUZAR was planning to visit her and that it might be on the weekend of the 18th. According to [redacted] LUZAR is engaged in the junk business in the United States. Mrs. SOPHIE PEARLBERG is believed to be the wife of EVERETT PEARLBERG.

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
February 14, 1949

Another confidential informant had advised that COPLON indicated that she intends, while in New York over the weekend of February 18th to 20th, 1949, calling a man who has stated that he has something for her. The identity of this individual is not known but it may possibly have been MORTON POMERANTZ, 1633 - 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York, although the informant stated that the name sounded like "MORTON", "MORRIE", or "MORTIE KERVITZ". The individual in question was in Washington, D. C. on January 27, 1949, at which time COPLON contacted a number of persons concerning a job for him, apparently without success.

COPLON has also advised her mother and others that she intends being in New York on February 18th, 1949.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : *[Signature]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: February 11, 1949

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A confidential informant has advised *[Redacted]*

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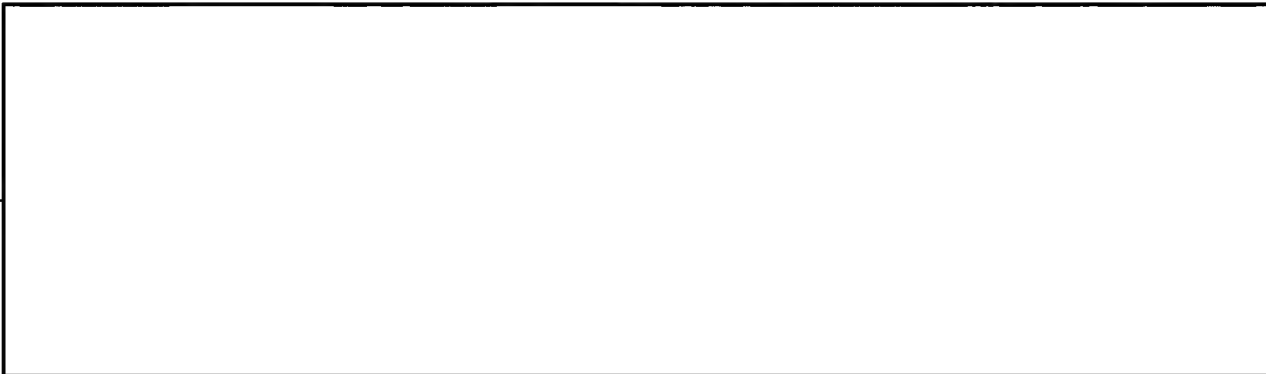
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Re: JUDITH COPLON
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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REMYREP OF SA FREDERICK G. HANLEN, DATED MAY THREE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, AT NY, ENTITLED QUOTE JUDITH COPLON, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, POLITICAL ANALYST, UNQUOTE. NY IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW JEAN WALICKI AND W. VAN ALLEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR POSSIBLY ELABORATING OR FURNISHING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING COPLON. IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ZORA, THEY SHOULD BOTH BE SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED AS TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF FEMALE ACQUAINTANCES OF COPLONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE TIME THAT COPLON WAS EMPLOYED IN NY. NY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE LEADS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THESE INTERVIEWS AND TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATIONS OF [REDACTED] THE RESULTS OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AND WFO AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: February 17, 1949

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

ReWFOtel dated February 15, 1949 to the Bureau and New York Office requesting New York to interview Mr. W. VAN ALLEN and Miss JEAN WALICKI, employees of the New York Office of the Department of Justice.

At noon today, Mr. LEROY McCAULEY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and Administrative Officer of the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, advised the writer that he had just received a letter dated February 15, 1949, from Mr. W. VAN ALLEN, formerly in charge of the personnel in the Anti-Trust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City, in which after mentioning a previous telephone conversation with Mr. McCAULEY, he stated that JEAN WALICKI had recently become friendly with the left-wing group in the New York Office. In this letter, VAN ALLEN expressed the opinion that "anyone who hires a gang of commies and party followers must have similar leanings himself. An examination of the personnel which stacked at least 50% of the New York Office of the War Division will emphasize this point". It is believed that Mr. VAN ALLEN is referring to ROBERT WOHLFORTH as having hired these individuals.

VAN ALLEN also advised of having been interviewed in 1946 by an FBI agent concerning JUDITH COPLON. He expressed concern over the fact that Miss WALICKI had referred the agent to him rather than to ROBERT WOHLFORTH and expressed the possibility that WOHLFORTH and WALICKI had arranged it that way in order for WOHLFORTH to learn through his Washington contacts what he, VAN ALLEN, had to say about JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. McCAULEY explained that in his telephone conversation with VAN ALLEN, various employees of the New York Office of the Department of Justice were discussed and that JUDITH COPLON's name was mentioned. Mr. McCAULEY questioned VAN ALLEN as to whether he would be willing to furnish information to a Special Agent of the FBI concerning any of these individuals. He replied that he would be glad to furnish any information that he could. In this connection, however, VAN ALLEN requested that if an FBI agent interviewed him he, the agent, first mention Mr. McCAULEY's name to him.

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It was ascertained that the New York Office had not as yet conducted interviews with VAN ALLEN and WALICKI and that office was telephonically advised not to conduct such interviews unless further instructions were received.

Unless advised to the contrary, it is desired that Mr. W. VAN ALLEN be interviewed at his residence, 1403-09 Holly Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, as he has advised Mr. McCAULEY that if an FBI agent interviewed him at his office it would be detrimental to his position among his fellow employees. The lead to interview Miss JEAN WALICKI should be disregarded and she should not be interviewed.

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JUDITH COPLON ESP. R. RE WASH LETTER FEB. FOURTEEN SETTING OUT
CONVERSATION BETWEEN COPLON AND [REDACTED] REGISTERED

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[REDACTED] WASHINGTON. CONNECTED WITH FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY.
RESIDING HOTEL ON WEEKLY BASIS. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REVEALS
NOTHING SUSPICIOUS AMONG [REDACTED] POSSESSIONS IN HOTEL ALTHOUGH
NO ANALYSIS MADE YET OF NAMES IN HER ADDRESS BOOK. THE BOOK SHE RE-
FERRED TO AS KEEPING FOR COPLON POSSIBLY "THE NAKED AND THE DEAD"
WHICH WAS ONLY ONE SHE HAD IN HER POSSESSION. WASHINGTON REQUESTED
TO GIVE ITS OPINION ON PORTION OF CONVERSATION CONCERNING COPLON-S
HAVING SOMETHING FOR SLAVIN AND SLAVIN-S REMARK ABOUT THE BOOK. IF
WASHINGTON IS OF OPINION THIS PART OF CONVERSATION SUSPICIOUS, ATTEMPT
WILL BE MADE TO RE CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REGARDING [REDACTED]
POSSESSIONS AFTER SHE HAS SEEN COPLON. SUTEL BEFORE COPLON-S ARRIVAL
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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *Jnt*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: 2-17-49

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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 11:55 a.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, called in and stated that in connection with the contemplated coverage of this case at New York City this week-end, the New York Office would like to secure photographs of the subject Valentine A. Gubitchev, at the time he enters the Soviet United Nations Headquarters, 680 Park Avenue. It is anticipated that he will enter these headquarters the morning following his meeting with Coplon, which meeting it is believed will take place Friday night.

Mr. Belmont expressed the opinion that the photograph of the subject Gubitchev entering the Soviet United Nations Headquarters the morning after his meeting with the subject Coplon might have some evidentiary value and would substantiate statements made by surveilling Agents.

RECOMMENDATION:

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In view of the importance of this case and the need to cover all possible angles in connection with subject's activity, the Executives' Conference unanimously recommended that the New York Office be authorized to utilize the apartment offered.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 2-17-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Miss Holmes	_____
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At noon today, Mr. Foley of the Criminal Division called in and stated that the above-named subject is taking extended leave beginning at 2:00 p.m., Friday, returning next Tuesday night. This information was immediately furnished to Special Agent Delavigne of the Washington Field Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: February 18, 1949

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ASAC Belmont was contacted at 3:20 P.M. today and advised

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Fletcher *WBF*
 FROM : C. E. Sandall, Jr. *CE S*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: February 18, 1949

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Mr. Belmont of the New York Office called at 10:30 PM, instant date to advise of the results of the surveillance of subject. He detailed the facts to point out that both Coplon and Gubichev were at all times extremely surveillance-conscious.

Coplon arrived at Penn Station, New York City, at 6:35 PM, 35 minutes late and therefore was in an extreme rush to make her appointment. She checked her bag at the station and this was checked by Agents and found to contain a CSC Prospectus, a blank application form for job of Intelligence Specialist, and 2 rolls of film, developed, of a small child. There was a page torn from a book review section of a magazine.

Coplon took 8th Avenue subway to 190th Street, and Broadway. En route, she fooled around with her purse which was noted to contain several sheets of onion-skin paper bearing typing. Arrived at 190th Street stop 7:10 PM and immediately got lost in Central Park as she took the wrong way out. She was in a great hurry.

Upon returning to the subway entrance at 190th Street, she walked to 193rd Street, the same spot as meeting place on January 14, 1949 and waited six minutes. She walked around and went to a shoe store to repair a strap which she broke in getting off the train in a hurry. At 7:20, she left the shoe store and surveillance was lost in darkness.

Gubichev was spotted at 7:05 PM walking north on Broadway above 193rd Street. He took a bus to 166 Street at 7:25 PM and walked up Broadway to 168th Street. He then maneuvered to shake any surveillance and at a subway elevator, checked all persons getting on before finally entering. Surveillance dropped at 7:35 PM.

Meeting place was covered and at 8:00 PM Coplon was seen at 192nd and Broadway where she crossed diagonally to meet Gubichev. As they met, she was fooling with her purse and he reached out his hand. Agents believe she passed papers but did not actually see them. She continued North and he watched her to see if she was followed. Surveillance on Coplon was dropped. She entered subway at this time. Gubichev took the subway to 125th Street, taxied to 110th and Broadway, bought food, and ~~waited~~ home.

Coplon was picked up at Penn Station at 9:00 PM where she picked up her bag. She took "A" Express to High Street, Brooklyn Bridge and surveillance dropped. [] placed her home at 10:00 PM, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn. Surveillance to continue per your instruction. Mr Belmont commented that he thinks the agents on the surveillance did an excellent job under the circumstances.

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Recommendation:

This is for your information.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. ON FEB NINETEENTH COPLON SPENT AFTERNOON
AND EVENING AT HOME OF [REDACTED]

ON SAME DATE

GUBITCHEV WAS SURVEILED ON SHOPPING TOUR WITH WIFE, AND SURVEIL-
LANCE DISCONTINUED FOR SECURITY ~~EXX~~ REASONS. HE WAS NOT OBSERVED
TO ENTER SIX EIGHT ZERO PARK AVE., THE USSR DELEGATION BLDG. ON
FEB TWENTIETH, COPLON PLANS TO VISIT HER COUSINS, DAVID AND SADIE
STEMMER, TWO EIGHT FOUR VAN NOSTRAND AVE, JERSEY CITY, NJ, DURING THE
AFTERNOON AND EVENING. SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY RELATIVES. THE
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. REF PAGE FORTY FIVE, NY REPORT DATED JAN.
TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN FORTY NINE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] /TRUE NAME/ IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS A CORRESPONDENT BY
MC GRAW DASH HILL, WASH., DC. HIS WASHINGTON ADDRESS IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASH., DC. BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING

[REDACTED] DEVELOPED HERE AS FOLLOWS.-- (BORN [REDACTED])

NYC, PARENTS [REDACTED]

BRONX, NY, MARITAL STATUS, SINGLE, EDUCATION, DE WITT CLINTON HIGH
SCHOOL, SEPT. NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO JUNE NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT,
COLUMBIA COLLEGE, BA DEGREE, SEPT. THIRTY EIGHT TO JUNE FORTY
TWO, COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, MS DEGREE, SEPT. FORTY TWO TO
JUNE FORTY THREE, EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS.- NOV. FORTY TWO TO APRIL
FORTY FOUR, ASSOCIATED PRESS, NEWARK, NJ, MAY FORTY FOUR TO DEC.
FORTY FIVE, "NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE SECTION", NYC, DEC. FORTY
FIVE TO FEB. FORTY SEVEN, "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE, NYC, SEPT. FORTY SEVEN
TO JUNE FORTY EIGHT, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, COLUMBIA UNIV.,
NYC, AUGUST THIRTY NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO PRESENT MC GRAW DASH HILL
PUBLISHING CO., WASH., DC. FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO REGARDING [REDACTED]
INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO MILITARY SERVICE. INVESTIGATION TO DEVELOP
FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING [REDACTED] IS CONTINUING HERE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: February 21, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd *Embe*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In the attached memorandum, dated February 16, 1949, you were advised that Judith Coplon intended to make a trip to New York City on February 18, 1949, and it was contemplated that she might meet Valentine A. Gubitchev, a Soviet member of the United Nations Secretariat, whom she had previously met clandestinely on January 14, 1949.

Coplon made the trip to New York City as scheduled and was under surveillance by Agents of the Washington Field Office. She arrived at Penn Station, New York City, at 6:35 PM, where the surveillance was taken over by New York Agents. She proceeded by subway to 190th Street and Broadway. En route, she opened her purse and it was noted to contain several sheets of onion skin paper bearing typing.

Valentine A. Gubitchev in the meantime left his home at 7:05 PM and proceeded to go through numerous maneuvers to shake any surveillance to the point that finally the Agents, in the interest of the security of the case, temporarily discontinued the surveillance. However, both Coplon and Gubitchev were observed at 8:00 PM at 192nd Street and Broadway, Coplon crossing the street diagonally to meet Gubitchev. As they met, she had her hand in her purse and he reached out his hand. Agents on the surveillance believe she passed some papers, but did not actually see anything passed in view of the need for the use of discretion on this surveillance and the darkness of the street. Coplon then continued on up the street and Gubitchev watched to see if she were being followed. Coplon then went to her home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

It is to be noted that the meeting, as outlined above, took place five weeks to the day after the previous meeting and occurred at approximately the same time and place. In both instances, Coplon had placed in her diary, under the dates of the meetings, innocuous notations apparently to serve as a reminder of the meetings. Therefore, if a pattern is indicated by the past two meetings, it would appear Coplon meets Gubitchev at approximately one-month intervals to furnish information to him and to receive instructions regarding her Soviet espionage activities.

It is to be noted that in connection with this meeting, ^{if we had} thought it to be in the interest of the case, we could have picked Coplon up at the time she passed the information and we probably then would be in a position

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The Director

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where we could present to the Department sufficient evidence on which to sustain an espionage conviction. There are two reasons why such action was not practical at the meeting: first, one of our primary objectives is to develop Coplon as a double agent; secondly, we are more or less estopped from taking any action which would involve Gubitchev in view of the fact that he is a member of the United Nations Secretariat. You will recall that former Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett, in a letter to the Attorney General of September 16, 1948, stated that in our surveillance of persons employed by the United Nations, the surveillance "would exclude interrogation, any interference with the person, the residence or the office of the official in question or infringement of his diplomatic privileges."

A memorandum is attached to the Attorney General, outlining the latest developments in this case and suggesting that the views of the Secretary of State be obtained regarding the action which may be warranted in the event further meetings are observed where papers are passed, clearly indicating that this employee of the United States Government is passing restricted data to a person attached to the United Nations Secretariat, who is undoubtedly a Soviet espionage agent.

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It is believed that pending the Attorney General's obtaining the views of the Secretary of State in this matter, it is in our interest to continue the vigorous investigation of this case to determine the extent of the activities of Coplon and Gubitchev and to attempt to develop more information concerning other persons who may be involved in this matter. Our primary interest will continue to be in an attempt to develop Coplon as a double agent or, in the alternative, to develop a case suitable for prosecution.

RECOMMENDATION

There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General, which will be personally delivered to him, giving him the new developments and suggesting that he take up with the Secretary of State the situation regarding Gubitchev.

Attachments

As in the past, if approved, this memorandum will be delivered personally by Mr. H. B. Fletcher to Mr. Peyton Ford.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 16, 1949

FROM: *JML* M. LaddSUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
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You will recall that this case involves a present employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Judith Coplon, who was recruited to act as a Soviet espionage agent in the fall of 1944, according to information available to us through the decoding of Soviet Intelligence messages from New York to Moscow. It is also apparent that Coplon is still in contact with Soviet Intelligence Agents inasmuch as she met a Soviet member of the United Nations Secretariat, Valentine A. Gubitchev, clandestinely on a dark street in New York City on the evening of January 14, 1949.

An intensive investigation has been conducted of Coplon since this case was instituted on December 31, 1948, which has revealed numerous contacts of Coplon, none of whom are known to be active as Soviet Agents with the exception of Gubitchev. It is known through technical and microphone coverages on Coplon, that she plans to go to New York City on February 18, 1949, for the week end. From an innocuous notation in her diary, which is similar to the one appearing on the date of her previous contact with Gubitchev, it is felt that she may be planning on meeting Gubitchev soon after her arrival in New York City on February 18, 1949. This meeting will be covered by a physical surveillance on Coplon as well as a physical surveillance on Gubitchev. Inasmuch as at the last meeting it was noted that they are both extremely surveillance conscious, the physical surveillances will be handled in a most discreet manner and they will be temporarily discontinued following the meeting for security reasons in order not to endanger our investigation of this matter.

Dependent upon the results of the investigative coverage of Judith Coplon in New York City, upon her return to Washington, immediate consideration will be given to interviewing her in order to bring this case to a rapid conclusion. The factors to be considered in this regard are as follows:

1. Judith Coplon, in her employment in the Foreign Agents Registration Section has access to FBI reports and other confidential material. This creates a very undesirable situation which must be corrected as soon as it is practical to do so.

2. On the other hand, we have not uncovered who, if anyone, is her contact in Washington, D. C., to whom she passes her documents or oral information. We have numerous contacts to investigate in this regard and this matter is being currently handled by the Washington Field Office.

3. We have not positively identified two other persons who were recruited as Soviet espionage agents at the same time Coplon was. One of them is named whom we have tentively identified with a person of the same name who was formerly employed by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. We are investigating

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this [] to definitely establish that she is identical with the one mentioned in the Soviet message. The other person we know only by the code name of ~~Xora~~, and we are attempting by investigation to identify her.

4. We are currently investigating Valentine A. Gubitchev, the U.N. Secretariat employee in an effort to determine the extent of his activities in Soviet espionage in the United States. This investigation has only been conducted since January 14, 1949, so that we are not as yet familiar with the extent of his activities.

5. In the event that a decision is reached to immediately interview Coplon upon her return from New York City, we will be interviewing her without any positive assurance of inducing her to act as a double agent or an informant inasmuch as we do not have a violation on her part on a Federal statute at the present time.

The above represents the important factors to be considered in this case in the near future; that is, should we bring this case to a quick conclusion by an interview or should we continue to investigate the various individuals involved in an effort to develop more complete information in this Soviet espionage network.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this case be continued at least temporarily with Coplon still employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice as long as the Department officials are agreeable in order that we may, if possible, determine more completely the scope of the operations of this woman in Soviet espionage.

There is attached a letter to the New York and Washington Field Offices advising them of the necessity to bring this case to a rapid conclusion in the near future which makes it imperative that all investigation be handled in a most expeditious manner.

Attachment

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The Attorney General

February 21, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, was
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In a memorandum to you dated January 24, 1949, I advised you of some of the developments in this case. You will also recall that you were previously advised that on the evening of January 14, 1949, Judith Coplon met Valentine A. Gubitchev, a Soviet member of the United Nations Secretariat. That meeting took place at night on a deserted street under circumstances making it obvious that it was a clandestine, pre-arranged meeting. That meeting was observed by Agents of this Bureau engaged in a physical surveillance of Coplon.

On February 18, 1949, Judith Coplon took a train to New York City and was under surveillance by Agents of the Washington Field Office. She arrived at Pennsylvania Station, New York City, at 6:35 PM, where the surveillance was taken over by Agents of our New York Office. She proceeded by subway to 190th Street and Broadway. En route, she opened her purse which was noted by Agents to contain several sheets of onion skin paper bearing typing. Valentine A. Gubitchev in the meantime was observed leaving his home at 7:05 PM and thereafter proceeded to go through numerous maneuvers in an effort to determine if he were being surveilled. Agents engaged in this physical surveillance temporarily discontinued the surveillance in the interests of the security of the investigation. However, both Coplon and Gubitchev were observed at 8:00 PM at 192nd Street and Broadway, Coplon crossing the street diagonally to meet Gubitchev. As they met, she had her hand in her purse and he reached out his hand. Agents on the surveillance believe she passed some papers, but they did not actually see any papers being passed in view of the need for the use of discretion on the surveillance and the darkness of the street. Coplon then continued up the street and Gubitchev appeared to be watching to see if she were being followed. The physical surveillance reflected that Coplon then went to her parents' home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

It is to be noted that a highly confidential informant previously furnished us information that Judith Coplon's [redacted]

[redacted] Judith Coplon would, therefore, appear to be in an excellent position to supply to Gubitchev information of considerable interest to the Soviet espionage services.

Mr. Tolson _____
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Relative to our investigation of Gubitchev, who is a Soviet member of the United Nations Secretariat, you may recall that former Under Secretary of State Lovett, in a letter to you dated September 16, 1948, in speaking of the

cc - Mr. D. M. Ladd
Mr. H. B. Fletcher

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The Attorney General

February 21, 1949

surveillance of Soviet and satellite officials and Soviet and satellite nationals employed by the United Nations, stated "In this connection, it would be understood that surveillance would exclude interrogation, any interference with the person, the residence or the office of the official in question, or infringement of his diplomatic privileges." In view of this and the actions of Gubitchev in the short space of time we have been actively investigating him, it is felt that you may desire to call to the attention of the Secretary of State Gubitchev's activities. This is deemed necessary in order that if in the future developments of this case it is deemed desirable to take positive action in an effort to obtain evidence sufficient to sustain a conviction, we may be in a position to do so.

At the present time we are continuing to actively investigate Coplon and Gubitchev, as well as several other persons who may be involved in this matter.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. COPLON NOT OBSERVED TO MAKE ANY CONTACTS FEB. TWENTY ONE FORTY NINE. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY COPLON WILL NOT BE SURVEILLED UPON HER RETURN TO WASHINGTON. WFO WILL BE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF HER DEPARTURE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: 2-22-49

FROM : J. D. DONOHUE *JDD*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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At 8:40 p.m., Special Agent Charles Montecone, New York, advised that the subject left New York City at 6:30 p.m. on the Mount Vernon, via Pennsylvania Railroad, and will arrive in Washington at 10:25 p.m. She is in Car #1600 and is dressed in the same black coat and shoes that she was wearing when she arrived in New York Friday night. Agent Montecone said he would advise the Washington Field Office.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. ON FEB. TWENTY SECOND, COPLON SPENT AFTERNOON AT HOME OF GIL AND MARCIA LESSER, ONE FOUR FOUR DASH THREE FIVE SEVENTH SIXTH AVE., FLUSHING, NY, PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, SIX THIRTY PM. WFO ADVISED OF DEPARTURE.

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Raymond Whearty
Director, FBI

April 20, 1949

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There is attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent John R. Jewell dated April 8, 1949 at Newark, New Jersey.

You will note that this report details the results of an interview with [redacted] a former employee of the Foreign Agents Registration Section who [redacted] in June, 1946.

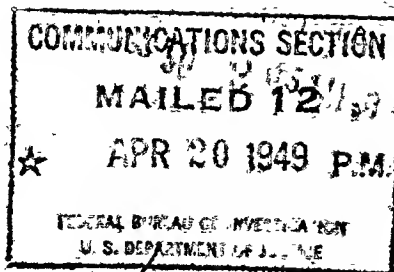
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD**

NK FILE NO. **65-3933** jel

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/8/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/6, 7/49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN W. POWELL
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] was employed under JUDITH COPLON in F.A.R.A., U.S.D.J. from [redacted] and was [redacted]. She saw COPLON take files home, return files which had been removed from the office, and destroy files, all pertaining to foreign agents. [redacted] For which she blames COPLON, as well as for [redacted].

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REFERENCE:

Bureau Letter to Newark dated April 4, 1949
New York Teletype to the Bureau, Newark, and Washington Field dated March 22, 1949.

DETAILS:

This is a joint investigation of the writer and Special Agent PAUL R. ALKER.

Reference teletype quoted a letter received by Judge SIMON H. RIFKIND, Southern District of New York, who conducted arraignment of COPLON and GUBITCHEV, from [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, dated March 13, 1949. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Rifkind:

"This is in regard to Judith Coplon, Department of Justice, Analyst who was released on bail due to

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"her committing Espionage against United States form of Government.

"I, as a former employee of Foreign Agents Registration Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, worked with Miss Coplon and saw her take and destroy confidential and secret documents pertaining to the welfare and security of her country. Certain folders were taken from files home during war time. Confidential and secret material was taken from Office of Strategic Services without going thru the regular office routine information pertaining to statistical data on railroads, took certain transcribed material from files not related to her field with her, material was taken from files which was analyzed by other analysts. Her co workers whom she conversed were the chief factors in bringing Israeli form of Government in Palestine.

"Analyst was deeply critical on foreign Catholic agents who had no bearing as to subversive attitude in certain documentary work which they submitted to Justice Department. Information was taken from files and published in book form. Material analyzed and drafted by one woman attorney was taken from files who later was confined.

"Majority of the employees in Foreign Agents Registration Section had all leanings toward Communism as Form 57 in Federal Civil Service Commission would indicate certain derogatory character reputation as to loyalty in holding a Federal job. All conversation in that particular section no doubt were recorded and could be proven as to above statements made by me. Tapped telephone conversations in Department of Justice to all departmental superiors every day would indicate certain suspicion as to character and loyalty of individual relating to their particular assignment.

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"work among our foreign agents in bringing closer relationship within among foreign agents who published certain items in foreign papers.

"Hoping the above information might help you men out in bringing our freedom and democracy as of 1776.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted]

/t/ [redacted]

[redacted] Newark, New Jersey, was interviewed at the Newark Office. She stated that [redacted]

[redacted] During the period of her employment under Miss COPLON the office in which she worked was occupied by COPLON and FRANCES AVANZILLO, who was translating Italian. There were [redacted] states her contacts with COPLON were confined to office hours.

In about April, 1945 she first noticed COPLON taking home some documents pertaining to foreign agents which she had obtained from the file folders. She was unable to estimate the frequency with which she noted this operation but stated she noticed it on several occasions thereafter. When [redacted] asked COPLON about this she did not receive any satisfaction. [redacted] said they also saw COPLON on occasions destroy complete files which had been secured from Miss THOMAS, who was in charge of the files. These files were torn up and thrown in the scrap basket in COPLON's office. The files noted by [redacted] were those of French foreign agents and contained FBI reports. According to [redacted] COPLON was noticed to remove foreign agent files from a manila case on arrival in the office on several mornings and place these files in her desk drawer. These files were known by [redacted] to be foreign agent folders and she assumed that they were being returned after having been taken home.

[redacted] added that on one occasion she saw in COPLON's possession reports from the Office of Strategic Services pertaining to railroads in Bavaria or Batavia which had not been stamped by the Department of Justice indicating that they had not gone through regular channels. [redacted] saw her show one of these reports to Mr. McKNIGHT, her superior, but he did not want to see it.

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According to [] COPLON was strongly critical of the work of French Catholic agents in the reports written by her.

[] never discussed Russia or Communism with JUDITH COPLON, although COPLON stated to her that she was studying the Russian language at the YWHA, which was believed by [] to be taught by a Rabbi.

Among the friends of COPLON in the Department of Justice known to [] were Attorneys BERNARD MORRIS, [] NEMZER, [] HENRY PUTZAL, NATHAN LEVIN, and SIDNEY BRODY. She stated she worked for MORRIS for a short time and noted on his Form #57 that he had agitated strikes in Massachusetts during the war. She further stated that she overheard conversations between COPLON and MORRIS in the latter's office during which Russia was discussed a great deal, but she could not recall the statements made during these conversations.

[] states that she regularly furnished information concerning the activities of COPLON to Mr. SHEPHERD, Secretary to Congressman HARTLEY, and also wrote a letter to Congressman REESE. Subsequent to her separation from the Department of Justice she wrote letters to Attorney General CLARK, President TRUMAN and Director HOOVER, but these letters were concerned with individuals and incidents being responsible [] She denies that she reported COPLON's activities to any of her superiors.

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[] related that in June, 1946 she was [] in Washington, D. C. after she tried to []

[] where she remained until September, 1946 when she returned to New Jersey. She states that she has not been under the care of a doctor in New Jersey.

During the course of the interview [] continually blamed JUDITH COPLON for []

[] She was insistent that the FBI process her case in order that she could be returned to Government service, and that the FBI would find her complete record with the Department of Justice and the FBI where recordings had been made of all conversations as was, according to her, the practice in the Justice Department.

After fifty-five minutes the interview was terminated when it was evident that she was growing more agitated and all conversations resolved into statements condemning JUDITH COPLON for []

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[redacted] is willing to testify to any information furnished by her.

In addition to the information supplied concerning COPLON, [redacted] stated that ~~SIDNEY BROWN~~, an attorney in the Justice Department, wrote a book which was published during wartime, the information for which was obtained from confidential Foreign Agents Registration files and FBI reports. She believes BROWN is no longer with the Department of Justice. She also stated that a [redacted] missed some files one day and upon her return the following day found them in their proper place. She had no information as to what had happened to these files and believes that [redacted]

[redacted] had no specific information concerning "Communist leanings" of employees but stated this information could be secured from their forms #57 or through recordings made on conversations of all Department of Justice employees.

Prior to the interview with [redacted] also of [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, who was formerly a Deputy United States Marshal at Newark, New Jersey, was telephonically contacted. He stated that [redacted] was apparently still somewhat irrational particularly in regard to JUDITH COPLON, but that she appeared to be physically sound and he could see no reasons why she should not be interviewed at this time. He suggested that the interview be conducted at the Newark Office and was instrumental in making an appointment for [redacted] to appear for interview at the Newark Office.

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The following background information concerning [redacted] is available in the files of the Newark Office as a result of a previous investigation:

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No leads are being set out for the Washington Field Office to conduct any investigation based upon the statements of [REDACTED] because this office is not in possession of sufficient information in the case.

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It is suggested that [REDACTED] files at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] be examined should it be decided to utilize her as a witness.

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During the course of interview with [redacted] it became apparent to interviewing agents that she is [redacted] and [redacted]

The Bureau's attention is called to its file No. 65-35863 and particularly to the report of Special Agent BERTRAM N. YOUNG, JR., dated at Newark October 18, 1943 entitled [redacted] wa., SECURITY MATTER - G," report of Special Agent ROBERT T. McIVER dated at Newark October 11, 1945 entitled, [redacted] aka., INTERNAL SECURITY - G, HATCH ACT" and Newark letter of November 17, 1947 enclosing a letter received from [redacted] [redacted]

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It is noted that in the report of Special Agent JOHN W. POWELL dated July 10, 1945 at Newark, New Jersey entitled, [redacted] DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT. FIELD DEPUTY MARSHAL, DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY." who is [redacted] that on October 13, 1943 [redacted] was rejected from Military Service because he possessed a constitutional psychopathic personality.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 18, 1949

Enclosed is a print, with negative, of the interior of a subway car of the BMT 14th Street, Canarsie Line. It will be recalled that GUBITCHEV and COPLON rode from 8th Avenue to 3rd Avenue on this line on March 4, 1949. Explanations are on both the front and back of the picture.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DM*

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4-26-49

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At 1:30 P.M. on April 26, 1949, Mr. John Kelley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that the Court had instructed that the prospective FBI witnesses from Washington, D. C. appear at the Municipal Court Building at Third and F Streets, room 308, at 2:00 P.M. today. The purpose of this is to have the jurors look at them and decide as to whether they know any of the prospective witnesses from the FBI.

In the absence of you and Mr. Fletcher and in view of the instruction of the Court, Mr. Laughlin telephonically instructed Supervisor Delavigne of the WFO to have SAs Mendenhall, Jones and Oberndorf, who are assigned to that office, to report as requested. Messrs. Gauthier, Webb and Lamphere have also been instructed to appear as directed by the Court.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. RENYRPT T. S. MILLER, MARCH EIGHTH LAST,
PAGE SIXTY SETTING FORTH DOCUMENT TAKEN FROM COPLON AT TIME OF ARREST.
MENTION IS MADE OF [REDACTED] FRIEND OF [REDACTED]
COPLON ADVISED SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] BELIEVED IDEN-
TICAL WITH CASE QUOTE [REDACTED] ARMY SECURITY AGENCY, DEPT OF
ARMY, WASH, DC, LGE UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BROOKLYN, EMPLOYED DEPT OF LABOR, STATE OF NY, NYC
DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS, TITLE JUNIOR ECONOMIST. BUREAU
REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE ANY INFO
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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4-26-49

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At 11:50 a.m. today, Supervisor Delavigne's office, Washington Field Office, advised that as of that time the Court was discussing with the Jury Panel their qualifications to serve as jurors in this case. Up to that time, the selection of the Jury had not yet been completed, but after the Judge had discussed the qualifications with the Jury Panel it was anticipated that the Jury would be selected rapidly. Twelve jurors have already been called into the box.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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SAC, New York

April 20, 1949

Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, was.,
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Reference is made to your teletype dated April 12, 1949.

You are authorized to interview Philip Pavia concerning his knowledge of Judith Coplon's activities. In this connection, your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Lloyd S. Goodrow dated April 6, 1949, at New Haven, in the case entitled "Philip C. Pavia, Espionage - R." The Bureau's files fail to reflect any information concerning Philip Pavia other than that which has been developed in connection with the instant investigation.

The Bureau's files have been reviewed concerning Elizabeth Dijour and reflect the following information which is not contained in her investigative case file or in the investigative case file on Dr. Ernest Sture.

According to information made available by Confidential Informant [redacted] Elizabeth Dijour, the head of the Control Desk in the New York Office of OWI, attended a Press Conference held under the auspices of the Bulgarian American Congress at the Hotel Commodore in New York City on November 28, 1944. (61-10931-11)

A Civil Service Investigator after interviewing Elizabeth Dijour in 1945 described her as "more Communist than Stalin. Openly praises Communism." (101-6787-2, p. 6)

Harry Wagner, 310 West 93rd Street, New York City, former Assistant to the Administrator of OWI in New York City, advised that he considered Elizabeth Dijour to be a Communist or a fellow traveler. He stated that she was an associate of Mrs. Ruby Parson, Boris Sullivan, Thomas Whiteside, and Marie DeBlasse. Mr. Wagner based his opinion of Elizabeth Dijour on his knowledge of her writings of news articles on the Polish Desk at OWI. The above information is contained in the report of Special Agent Varro L. Ritter dated November 22, 1948, at New York City, in the case entitled "Ruby Parson, was., LGE." (121-11730-24; 121-12862-14)

News reports of the Overseas News Agency, dated December 27, 1945, and March 24, 1946, list Elizabeth Dijour as an Overseas News Agency correspondent in Paris, France. (100-183386-146; 100-2059-287; 64-275-a)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH

DATE: March 10, 1949

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Pat Coyne called on the afternoon of March 9 in connection with the Coplon matter and referred to the survey which was made two or three years ago by the Bureau of the Department. Mr. Coyne stated he had personally made the survey of the War Division, in which division was then stationed the Foreign Agents Registration Section; that he had interviewed all personnel; that as he recalls there was found at the time of the survey in the Foreign Agents Registration Section a large number of reports and summaries on Communist Party activities some of which had been sent to the Department several years previously.

Mr. Coyne thought a review of this report might be of value.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. [REDACTED] APPEARING IN COPLON-S ADDRESS
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TON, D.C. HER PERSONNEL FILE UN LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, REFLECTS
HER FULL NAME AS [REDACTED] AND HER RESIDENCE AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON. EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS...

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JAN. FIRST FORTYFIVE TO FEB. TENTH FORTYSEVEN, UNRRA AS CLERK DASH.
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WHEN SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO UN WASHINGTON. NOTE TERMINATION OF
EMPLOYMENT ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION ABOUT SIX MONTHS AFTER DECEMBER
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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

40 29 11-32 PM

JUDITH A. COPLON, ESP - R. RENYREPT MARCH TWENTY EIGHTH. INFO SET OUT
IN THIS REPT PAGE NINETYSIX WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN BUFILES INDICATES
SLAVIN HAS COMMUNIST TENDENCIES. NY RECOMMENDS OPENING LGE CASE ON HER
SCHEIDT

Loyalty section
has opened case
AGL

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *#27*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 29, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 2:15 p.m., ASAC Belmont, New York, called and stated that on page four of the New York Post appears an exclusive interview with Judith Coplon as reported by a Mary Harrington. Judith Coplon is credited with stating that she admits she took secret documents from the Department of Justice, but she had no evil intent, that she was writing a book "A Case History of a Government Bureau" and she desired to use the material for that book. The New York Office is sending a copy of the item appearing in the New York Post.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the New York Office be authorized to interview Mary Harrington to get in detail the results of her interview with Judith Coplon.

HBF:cmw

*No
This would serve
no purpose.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 31, 1949

FROM : ~~WAT~~ GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington FieldSUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

HAROLD SHAPIRO

Rebutel to New York dated March 30, 1949.

In accordance with your request, there are transmitted herewith two photostatic copies of five surveillance logs of Washington Field Office agents covering the activities of subject JUDITH COPLON in connection with her train trips from Washington, D. C. on January 14, 1949, February 18, 1949, and March 4, 1949.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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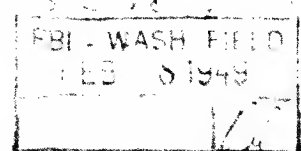
Surveillance Log
Jueth Caglon

The following Surveillance was
conducted by Special Agents Tom Mendenhall
and H. Dudley Payne on January 14, 1949

12:45 P.m. Subject located on Pennsylvania train
leaving Washington for New York at one
P.m.

4:45 P.m. Subject left train at Pennsylvania
Station N.Y.C. and entered the station
where the Surveillance was taken
up by Agents of the New York office.
Harold Shapiro ⁱⁿ company of
Subject when she was first observed.
However he left the train prior to
its departure and Subject was alone
during the trip to N.Y.C.

H. Dudley Payne
Tom Mendenhall



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Judith Caplan
Exposed R

The following Surveillance was
Conducted of the Subject on February
18-1949 by SA L. W. R. Obermayer
and SA H. Dudley Payne

1:32 Pm. Subject observed to leave D. & J.
Bldg by the Center entrance on North
St. She walked to the corner of
10th & Pa. Av NW where she boarded
a taxi on Pa. Av and proceeded to
Union Station.

1:45 Subject arrived Union Station attempted
to purchase ticket but did not succeed
- then she proceeded to restand then
to train.

1:53 Pm Subject entered Coach #1633 on
Pa. Train 14v leaving for New York
2 Pm Surveillance taken over
by SA Carl Buchholz and Jon Mendenhall.

H. Dudley Payne
Indusgrt RObermayer

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2-18-39

The following is a log of a surveillance of subject Judith Kaplan on 2-18-39 conducted by Special Agents Carl W. Buchholz and Thomas A. Mendenhall.

11:45 A.

Surveillance was commenced at Union Station Washington, D.C.

1:51 P.M.

Subject observed in station carrying tan airplane type fibre case terminal in brown leather, walking hurriedly toward track section of station.

1:53 P.M.

Subject boarded Pennsylvania Train bound for New York, took seat by herself 2nd from back end of car she had boarded. Tco

2:01 P.M.

Train pulled out of station; agents Mendenhall and Buchholz in front of same car occupied by subject.

6:15 P.M.

Subject with luggage left her seat and began walking through the cars toward front of train. At this point train was just coming to the Hudson river tunnel, and was stopping at very short intervals just prior to, and while going through the tunnel. Subject continued toward the front of train, walking the length of four cars, and stood waiting on the platform of the last car she had gone through.

6:35 pm.

Subject moved from the train while still moving, nearly losing her balance when she stepped to the concrete runway, and at this point it was noted that a strap of one shoe had broken.

6:40 pm

Subject continued into Pennsylvania station, checked her bag in one of the station lockers, and continued on toward the 8th Ave. subway. Surveillance was taken over by New York Agent just as subject left the train, and as subject headed toward 8th Avenue subway, the surveillance was discontinued by Agents Buchholz & Mendentall.

Tom Mendentall
Carl W. Buchholz

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Surveillance Log
Judith Coplan
Espionage - R. 65-5128
March 2, 1949

The following surveillance was conducted
by the following Special Agents in
connection with the above subject

H. Dudley Payne
Thomas A. Mendenhall
Carl W. Buchholz
Ludwig W. R. Oberndorf
Hollis W. Bowers
Charles D. Chapman
Joe R. Craig
Robert L. Emeltz

11⁵⁵ am Coplan left the 9th & Pennsylvania
entrance of the Department of
Justice Building. She proceeded to
the Lincoln National Bank at
7th and D St N.W.

12⁰² pm Coplan entered the above bank.

12⁰⁷ pm Subject left above bank and
proceeded to the Apex Station
of the Pan Am Bldg, 813 Market
Space, N.W.

②

Coplan Surveillance
3/11/49

- 12¹⁰ pm Subject entered the Apex Station of the Post Office.
- 12¹² pm Subject left the Apex Station and proceeded to the Schultes Cigar Store at 9th and Penn Ave.
- 12¹⁵ pm Subject observed entering Schultes Cigar Store where she had lunch.
- 12²⁵ pm Subject left Schultes, crossed Pennsylvania Ave at 9th St and was observed entering a taxicab bearing the name John S Golden, Cab #1. It was observed that she entered this cab after a man who had originally hailed the cab and who entered the cab before the subject reached the cab. The cab proceeded to the Carroll Anna Hotel at 1st and C St NE where the man left the cab.

Coplon Surveillance

③ The Cab then proceeded to the Union Station, where subject left the cab.

12³⁵ pm Subject entered Union Station and proceeded to purchase a ticket at the first ticket window on the north side of the west wing of Union Station. Subject then proceeded to the main gates in the Station stopping at a drinking fountain where she appeared to be taking a pill. Subject waited at the gate for a few minutes until the gate was opened.

12⁴⁵ pm Subject boarded Pennsylvania Railroad train #176 destined for New York City and took a seat in car # 1629.

Surveillance continued from this point by SAs H Dudley Payne and Thomas A Mendenhall

Carl W. Buchholz
Houmay Payne
Thomas A. Mendenhall
Charles A. Chapman

Ludwig W. Oberndorf
Nellie W. Bowers
Joe R. Craig
Robert L. Smeltzer

65-5128

Judith Caplan
Espionage R

The foregoing Surveillance of Judith Caplan was conducted on March 4, 1949 by Special Agents Thomas A Mendenhall and H. Dudley Payne.

This Surveillance log is intended to Supplement the log written by SA Carl Buckley on March 4, 1949.

12:45 Pm. Subject Boarded Pennsylvania train #176 for New York and sat in Car 1629.

5:35 Pm. Subject left train and proceeded to locker 1035 in Penn. station where she deposited her Vanity Case and Hat. Surveillance was continued at this point by Agents of the New York office

H. Dudley Payne
Thomas A. Mendenhall

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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASH FIELD

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JUDITH COPLON ESP. R. AMONG THE POSSESSIONS OF COPLON WHEN SHE WAS APPREHENDED WAS A TWO BY THREE PRINTED CARD FROM THE MARIANNE ET FILS RESTAURANT, 332 WEST 45TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY. ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CARD THE NAME [REDACTED] WAS WRITTEN. FBI LAB HAS ADVISED THIS NAME AND ADDRESS PRINTED BY HAND WAS NOT PRINTED BY COPLON. INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED] REVEALS THIS ADDRESS TO BE A ROOMING HOUSE OF THE CHEAP VARIETY. NO RECORD OF [REDACTED] RESIDING THERE FROM JULY, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO PRESENT. MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS A [REDACTED] AS RESIDING AT [REDACTED] NYC.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY IN MIAMI, FLORIDA WITH [REDACTED] AND LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS [REDACTED] MIAMI FLORIDA. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, PRIOR TO NOON APRIL TWENTIETH, MIAMI IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT ABOVE ADDRESS AND DETERMINE FROM HER WHAT CONNECTION IF ANY SHE HAD WITH SUBJECT, WHEN [REDACTED] LAST SAW COPLON, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ADDRESS [REDACTED] NYC AND ALL INFO WHICH [REDACTED] MAY HAVE CONCERNING COPLON. FOR INFO MIAMI OFFICE JUDITH COPLON WAS APPREHENDED MARCH FOUR LAST BY AGENTS THIS OFFICE. AT TIME OF HER ARREST COPLON WAS IN COMPANY OF VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, RUSSIAN NATIONAL WHO WAS EMPLOYED AS AN ENGINEER BY THE U.N., AT NYC. BOTH WERE APPREHENDED AND INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY, SDNY AND FEDERAL GRAND JURY, WASHINGTON, D.C. CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SECTIONS 371, 393, 794 AND 271, TITLE 18 USC. COPLON IS TWENTY SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ONE INCH TALL, WEIGHS ONE HUNDRED EIGHT LBS., BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, SLIGHT BUILD, RESIDENCE 178 OCEAN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, NY AND MACLEAN GARDENS, WASHINGTON, D.C. COPLON WAS EMPLOYED AS A POLITICAL ANALYST IN THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION, DEPT.

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Miss Gandy	_____

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OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. MIAMI REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND NEW YORK BY TELETYPE OF RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW.

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cc - Mr. Glavin

MIAMI ADVISED

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C.C. TO WASHINGTON FIELD.
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Searchers

____ All References

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Mrs. Constant

62-50422-4

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J. Constant

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George Cosora

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Steve Cosora

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. WHITSEY *FW*
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE: April 18, 1949

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ee
 On April 14, 1949, in accord with authority granted, I contacted Mr. Glavin and Mr. Gauthier and advised them that Special Agent Gauthier should proceed to New York City to confer with such personnel as was necessary there to enable completion of the surveillance charts which will be utilized by Mr. Ray Whearty and Mr. Kelley in the trial of the Coplon case.

Special Agent Gauthier proceeded to New York on the afternoon of April 14, 1949, after I had contacted ASAC Belmont at New York to request that certain designated personnel be available to confer with Special Agent Gauthier. *L. J. [signature]*

ACTION

None. For record purposes.

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TO : D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLIN, was, et al
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 13, 1949

W. L. Ladd
DL

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
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Reavis
Fletcher
L. J. Gauthier

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In connection with the charts of the streets of Manhattan which are being prepared by the Cartographic Section, certain problems have arisen. These charts are being prepared on the basis of the surveillance logs prepared by the Agents and on the basis of detailed memoranda submitted by the Agents as to what they observed on the surveillances. However, the charts are being prepared in such detail that it is impossible to accurately chart the movements of Coplin and Gubitchev without talking to the individual Agents who were on the surveillance. In order that there can be no chance of the charts being thrown out at the trial or the necessity for a last minute change in the charts, it is believed necessary for Special Agent Leo J. Gauthier to go to New York City and talk to the Agents who participated in the surveillances.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Special Agent Gauthier be directed to go to New York City to confer with the Agents who participated in these surveillances in order that the charts may be accurately completed at the earliest possible time.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. WFO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW CHARLOTTE
THURNHERR WHO IS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO TOM HARRIS ATTORNEY FOR THE
CIO. HER BUSINESS ADDRESS IS SEVEN ONE EIGHT JACKSON PLACE, WASHING-
TON, DC TELEPHONE EXECUTIVE FIVE FIVE EIGHT ONE. SHE RESIDES HOTEL
MERIDIAN, TWO SIX NAUGHT ONE SIXTEEN STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC,
TELEPHONE MICHIGAN TWO NINE FIVE ONE. THURNHERR WAS EMPLOYED AS
CLERK-STENO, ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEB.
FOURTEEN, FORTYFOUR TO MARCH SIXTEEN FORTYFIVE. COPLON EMPLOYED
EWS AT SAME TIME.

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FBI MIAMI

4-20-49

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK.....U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R. RETEL FROM NEW YORK APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

CURRENT CITY AND PHONE DIRECTORY CONTAIN NO RECORD

OR STEVE COSORA. THERE IS NO ELEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK ON N. W.

TENTH STREET AND NO SUCH ADDRESS AS ONE ONE TWO FOUR. NYC ENDEAVOR
TO SECURE BETTER ADDRESS. R U C.

CARSON

A AND H PLS

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NEWARK 3 FROM NEW YORK

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. REMYTEL INSTANT DATE REQUESTING YOUR TO
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ALSO INTERVIEW EMMA L.
~~SOUDERS~~ ALONG SAME LINES. SOUDERS EMPLOYED ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NYC, AS CLERK-STENO JULY TWELVE, FORTYFOUR TO
OCTOBER THIRTYONE, FORTYFOUR. BELIEVED TO HAVE SINCE MARRIED. FATHER
AND MOTHER ARE JOHN WESLEY AND ANNA SOUDERS. ADDRESS WHILE WITH DEPART
MENT WAS EIGHTYNINE TRASK AVENUE, BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY, BAYONNE THREE
DASH FIVE EIGHT ONE FIVE. EXPEDITE.

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WASH AND WASH FIELD 6 AND NEWARK 2 FROM NEW YORK 18 4-25 PM

~~DIRECTOR AND SACS~~ URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS,	MONTVILLE,
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NJ. MOTHER AND FATHER ARE			ATTENDED
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BARNARD COLLEGE SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYNINE TO JUNE NINETEEN FORTY

THREE AT SAME TIME AS COPLON. BOTH WENT TO WORK IMMEDIATELY UPON

GRADUATION AT ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, WAR DIVISION, US DEPT. OF

JUSTICE, NYC, AS "EXPERTS". IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYFIVE COPLON

WAS TRANSFERRED TO FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION OF DEPARTMENT,

WASHINGTON, DC. [REDACTED] LEFT DEPARTMENT IN APRIL NINETEEN FORTYSIX.

COPLON AND WERE TWO OF FIVE GIRLS WHO WENT TO WORK WITH ECONOMIC

WARFARE SECTION FROM BARNARD, THE OTHERS BEING ~~SHIRLEY~~ ARONOW, [REDACTED]

AND CI DESCRIBED THIS GROUP OF GIBLS AS:

BEING VERY LIBERAL AND EXTREMELY PRO-RUSSIAN. [REDACTED] SHOULD BE QUES-

TIONED RE HER ASSOCIATION WITH COPLON AND RE THE IDENTITY OF

COPLON-S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LATTER PART OF NINETEEN

FOURTYFOUR. [] SHOULD ALSO BE QUESTIONED RELATIVE TO ANY COMMUNIST

53 MAY 2
END PAGE ONE

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OR SUBVERSIVE LEANINGS OF COPLON. [] SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED WHETHER COPLON MADE IT A PRACTICE TO TAKE MATERIAL FROM OFFICE HOME AT NIGHT WHILE EMPLOYED DEPARTMENT, NYC. INTERVIEW SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT SUBMITTED. WASHINGTON ORIGIN. ONE EXTRA COPY TO NY FOR SAAG T.J. DONEGAN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FILE NO. 65-5128

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-21-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27; 4/21/49	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS A. MENDENHALL
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FBI Laboratory reported handwriting on documents found in COPLON's possession at time of her arrest as identical with handwritten letters of COPLON which her brother personally furnished to Washington Field and Fairmac Corporation on March 27, 1949.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent T. SCOTT MILLER, Jr., dated March 28, 1949, at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI Laboratory Examination

By letter dated March 3, 1949, the New York Office forwarded the Washington Field Office one sheet of ruled paper on which COPLON had written in her handwriting an order for breakfast during her temporary detention at the New York Office, pending arraignment on March 5, 1949.

By letter dated March 23, 1949, this specimen was furnished to the FBI Laboratory, at which time it was requested that, as a known specimen, it be compared with other known specimens of handwriting believed to be COPLON's.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 4 - New York (1 - SA [Name]) 3 - Washington Field COPIES DESTROYED 8-35 NOV 10 1960 100-446217-1 DEPT. OF JUSTICE 4-21		65-58365-454 10 APR 22 1949	RECORDED 42 INDEXED 42
		<i>[Signatures and initials]</i>	

By letter dated March 28, 1949, FBI Laboratory reported that this specimen, designated as K-29, was insufficient for identification with Q-39 which was two pages of handwritten material in COPLON's possession at the time of her arrest and which was submitted by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949. This report stated, however, that K-29 could be used with the handwriting in the Justice Department's personnel file of JUDITH COPLON, K-14, which was previously used to identify COPLON as a writer of Q-29.

Washington Field Office letter of March 30, 1949, transmitted the following known specimens of handwriting of JUDITH COPLON:

1. Passport application #204249, signed by JUDITH COPLON May 5, 1948.
2. One page letter, handwritten in ink dated March 26, 1949, addressed to "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C." and signed "Sincerely yours, Judith Coplon." This letter was personally furnished by BERTRAM G. COPLON to the writer in the Washington Field Office on Sunday, March 27, 1949.
3. Two pages of white ruled paper handwritten in pencil on both sides listing items of personal property and containing instructions given by the subject to her brother to assist him in removing her personal property from her residence at McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C. This specimen was also furnished to the writer on the previously mentioned date.
4. Large sheet of ruled white paper handwritten in pencil on one side containing penciled notes which was located by SA COURTLAND J. JONES in the lower left drawer of COPLON's desk in Room 2220 of the Justice Building.
5. Letter, handwritten in ink dated March 26, 1949, addressed to "Fairmac Corporation, 3811 Porter Street, N. W., Washington, D. C." and signed "Sincerely yours, Judith Coplon." This was a letter of introduction of her brother which he presented when he arrived at Jefferson Hall on March 27, 1949, to remove her personal effects. This letter was given to Mrs. ANNIE MOOREFIELD.
6. Postal card addressed to the "Manager of Jefferson Hall, 3685 - 38th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C." in ink, dated March 15, 1949, by JUDITH COPLON.

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By report dated March 31, 1949, the Laboratory advised that Items #1 through #6 (Laboratory designations K-31 through K-36) had been compared with Q-39 previously mentioned as a handwritten specimen removed from COPLON's purse on the night of her arrest, and it had been determined that these additional specimens are adequate for a positive conclusion that COPLON wrote Q-39. This report stated that Items #2 and #5 (K-32 and K-35) alone were an adequate basis for this conclusion.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : J. E. Milnes *JEM*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLOW, ET AL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 12, 1949
 Call: 5:55 P.M.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
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ASAC A. H. Belmont of New York called. He advised that they had not been able to make bail for Gubitchev today but there is a possibility that they will try to make bail for him tomorrow.

Tollokonokov was talking to Gubitchev today in Mr. Donegan's presence at which time Tollokonokov reiterated that Gubitchev was being illegally held and that the State Department had not replied to their note as yet. He indicated that they would continue making every effort possible to get Gubitchev released legally and to this end they would see Gubitchev tomorrow at 3 P.M. in the House of Detention.

In the event it appears that they are able to make bail for Gubitchev, Mr. Donegan informed Mr. Belmont that he is going to insist that bail be made in open court and he is going to attempt to have the terms of the bail provide that Gubitchev cannot enter into or upon any of the Russian establishments or the establishments of the Satellite countries. Furthermore, he is going to attempt to have the bail provide that Gubitchev cannot enter upon any pier or boat or in any train, bus, airplane or automobile destined out of New York. Mr. Belmont advised me that he will inform the Bureau as to the outcome of the conference tomorrow.

I immediately advised Mr. Ladd and Mr. Nichols of the foregoing.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *Hofw*
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON *DL*

DATE: April 12, 1949

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Ray Whearty called me on the evening of April 11 and stated he had information indicating that the Russians were putting up \$100,000 to have Gubitchev released on bond. He stated he had talked to Peyton Ford about this just before he, Peyton Ford, had departed from the city and that he had just received a telegram from Mr. Ford stating that the following things should be done (1) Make arrangements to be assured that he, Gubitchev, will be available for trial (2) Inquire as to the source of the funds used in making the bond for Gubitchev and (3) Advise the State and FBI to take precautions to see that he is available.

In accordance with the above, it is desired that you advise Mr. Belmont to arrange the best suitable coverage of Gubitchev and further, that information be obtained as to the source of the funds used in making bail for Gubitchev.

Subsequently, on the afternoon of April 12, Mr. Alex Campbell called and stated that he was concerned about the possibility of Gubitchev leaving the country. He stated that the Government would be very much embarrassed should Gubitchev get away. I pointed out to Mr. Campbell the inadvisability of attempting a full-time physical surveillance. Further, the fact that in the event a surveillance was undertaken and Gubitchev was walking down the street and suddenly an automobile pulled up along side of him and Gubitchev jumped in, there would be no way to know that he was doing anything improper or attempting to leave the country and yet with the Agents walking it would be impossible to continue the coverage and his whereabouts would be unknown.

I advised Mr. Campbell that stops had been placed with Customs, Immigration and other places so that in the event he attempted to leave the country there would be stops available. Mr. Campbell stated he was well aware of the fact that the subject might elude the Agents, even though a full-time surveillance was maintained, which, Mr. Campbell was advised, would not be done in this case. In view of his expressed concern, I advised Mr. Campbell that if the Department felt that there was a good chance of Gubitchev's attempting to flee the country, that I thought the Department should go before the court and argue for an increased bond.

Mr. Campbell requested that he be advised if there was any indication received from the Bureau's coverage of such a request of the court.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher
FROM : L. L. Laughlin
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, et al
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DATE: April 15, 1949

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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In your absence, ASAC Belmont of New York called at 4:35 p.m. and advised that Tolokonnikov and Novikov, First Secretary and Attache, respectively, of the Russian Embassy, left New York for Washington, D. C., by plane at 2:15 p.m. today. In view of this Mr. Belmont commented that it appears there is nothing immediately imminent so far as arranging for bail for Gubitchev.

Mr. Belmont stated that the New York Office had determined that Tolokonnikov had made arrangements to see Charles Recht, an attorney in New York who handled matters for the Russian Consulate there when it was open. The nature of the conversation or arrangements between these individuals is not known to the New York Office. (U)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: April 26, 1949

FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent R. J. Lamphere advised Mr. John Kelley, Departmental attorney, of the fact that Special Agent Mendenhall, if asked on cross examination as to whether he had knowledge of the fact that there was a technical surveillance used in the Coplon case, would have to answer in the affirmative. Mr. Kelley was asked if Mr. Mendenhall was a necessary witness and he said that he was. Mr. Kelley indicated that if the question was asked of Mendenhall and he answered in the affirmative, and there was then a further question, Mr. Kelley would take the matter to the bench and inform the Judge and the defense attorney that if the matter were pursued it would then be necessary for the Government to produce information obtained through the technical surveillance. Mr. Kelley advised that this was, of course, a bluff, that they had no intention of producing information from the technical surveillance, but that he was sure that this would end the matter.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: April 27, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 10:35 a.m. on this date, Mr. John Kelley, Departmental attorney, called from the courtroom and stated that the Judge had requested that the articles taken from Miss Coplon when she was arrested on March 4, 1949, be produced in Court. These articles included her purse, change purse, and certain identification papers.

On the authority of Mr. Laughlin, Special Agent Brewer Wilson, one of the Agents in this case from the New York Office, was contacted. Agent Wilson has the articles in his possession. He was instructed to report to Mr. Kelley in the courtroom with the articles, and in order to preserve the chain of evidence in this case, to make arrangements to get a receipt from Mr. Kelley.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *ph*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 28, 1949

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Miss Gandy	

Yesterday during the testimony offered by the Government in connection with the motion to suppress the evidence, Special Agent Edward F. McCarthy was asked about five questions relating to the existence of technical surveillances. Special Agent McCarthy does not have any personal knowledge of the existence of technical surveillances, and the wording of the questions as recalled by him permitted him to answer, "I don't know." The questions were objected to by Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley, but the Court overruled the objections and required the answer.

Mr. Kelley last night advised Special Agent McCarthy and Special Agent Robert Robinson that in his opinion the Court is not going to sustain any objections to the questions relating to the existence of technical surveillances, and it is his opinion that any questions along this line should not be evaded but should be clearly answered. At the present time, the Agents are instructed that if they are asked as to whether they know of the existence of a technical surveillance, they can properly answer "I don't know"; however, it appears that the defense attorney, Palmer, will ask questions in the following manner: "Do you have reason to believe that technical surveillances were used?", or "Did anyone tell you that technical surveillances were used?" Such questions, if permitted, and it appears that they will be permitted, will require the answer "yes" on the part of all Special Agents. Mr. Kelley states that since it is apparent his objections will not be sustained and it is quite clear that the existence of surveillances will become known, that the fact of the existence of surveillances should be brought out. He feels that to do otherwise is to cause evasion, which will make a bad impression on the Court and the Jury. *mc*

I have discussed the matter of technical surveillances with all of the personnel and have attempted to point out that as long as they are asked questions designed to show a personal knowledge of technical surveillances they can answer, "I don't know." I also pointed out to them that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley both stated to me that if the questions went beyond that point they would take the matter up before the bench. Apparently, however, they have not done so up to this time.

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It is recommended that I again talk to all Special Agents who appear as witnesses in this case and tell them that the Bureau does not desire that they attempt to cover up the existence of surveillances; that if the question is so worded that the only possible answer is yes, they should respond yes. I believe this is necessary, because Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley have not up to

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now taken the matter up with the Court and have relied upon objections. It is also recommended that I advise Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley that the Bureau does not desire to be placed in the position of having its Agents evade proper questions, and that the Bureau has no objection, if they deem it desirable and necessary, to their advising the Court of the fact that technical surveillances were utilized in this case. It is believed much more desirable that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley discuss the matter with the Court outside the presence of the Jury to see whether or not the questions relating to technical surveillances can be stopped.

I agree. As previously indicated all Agents must testify truthfully & without reservation. We cannot depend on Whearty & Kelley to look after our rights & interests so must be guided accordingly.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *JML*

DATE: April 25, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 2:00 p.m. today, I talked with the following Special Agent personnel: From New York - Special Agents Richard Hradsky, Richard E. Brennan, Robert R. Granville and T. Scott Miller, Jr. From the Washington Field Office - Special Agents Courtney J. Jones, Thomas Mendenhall, Dudley Payne, Ludwig Oberndorf and Supervisor K. T. Delavigne.

All of the above-named Agents, with the exception of Special Agents Dudley Payne and K. T. Delavigne, have been selected by Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley as witnesses. Special Agent Payne can testify to the same information as Special Agent Mendenhall, but it is not anticipated that he will be called as a witness. Special Agent Delavigne served as the Supervisor in the Washington Field Office on this case.

I asked all of those present whether or not they had any personal knowledge of a technical surveillance, and Special Agents Mendenhall and Payne indicated that they did. The technical surveillance that they have personal knowledge of is the one on the office of Judith Coplon in the Department of Justice building. Agent Payne actually assisted in the installation and thereafter listened on the line. Special Agent Mendenhall listened on the line but had nothing to do with the installation as such. All others had only hearsay information and as to the existence of any other technical surveillances, Special Agents Payne and Mendenhall have only hearsay information.

Special Agent Mendenhall is to testify that he was assigned to the investigation of Judith Coplon and that he surveilled her from Washington, D. C., to New York City on January 14, 1949, February 18, 1949, and March 4, 1949. He is not to detail any other investigative activity. The sole purpose of his testimony is to take her from her office work in the Department of Justice to New York City on those dates, at which time she met the subject Gubitchev.

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All those in attendance stated that they do not know of any other personnel who will be appearing as witnesses who have first-hand knowledge of any technical surveillances. The other personnel from the New York Office are due in tomorrow and I will go over with them this question.

I advised all of those present, with the exception of Special Agents Mendenhall and Payne that they should respond to any question as to their

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|| Knowledge of a technical surveillance by stating "I don't know". I told them that it had been arranged with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley that if the defense persisted in going beyond this answer that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley would take the matter up with the Judge at the bench. I told them that the source of the information and the information itself beyond which this case was opened was strictly confidential. It was pointed out to them that it was not anticipated that the problem of what this information was or where it was obtained would come up, but if they did have any information as to the source of the information or the actual information itself, they should respond to all questions by pointing out that the source and the information were both strictly confidential, furnished with the understanding that it would not be divulged and further to divulge it would be to the prejudice of the United States. || Seven of those in attendance either knew the source of the information or the gist of it. The source and information itself were not described to those present.

As has been previously reported, this problem has been discussed with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley, the trial attorneys. The question as to the use of technical surveillances will only arise on cross examination. The form of the question on cross examination is important, in that it will control the answer. For example, if the question is asked, "Do you know whether wire taps were used in this case?", all witnesses, with the exception of Agents Mendenhall and Payne, will be able to answer truthfully "I don't know." Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley plan to permit this answer if the question is worded in this way or in a similar manner. On cross examination, however, it is possible that the question could be worded in a manner similar to the following: "Were you ever informed that wire taps were used in this case?" Such a question would require an answer of yes on the part of all Special Agents who participated in the various surveillances.

The view of Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley is that if they were to object it will leave the inference, both in the mind of the Judge and in the minds of the Jury, that technical surveillances were utilized and the Government is afraid to admit it; the Government is trying to hide the facts. They feel that they should not object for the sole purpose of covering up the fact that technical surveillances were utilized in this case. They do believe, however, that the question is immaterial and further, they think they should point out to the Court that there is no evidence being utilized which arises in any manner from a technical installation and that under the law they are not permitted to disclose any such information.

RECOMMENDATION:

|| Having in mind the views expressed by Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley, it is recommended that they be advised that Special Agent Mendenhall does have

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personal knowledge of the existence of a technical surveillance, and that they be asked to again consider whether or not he is a necessary witness. If they state that he is a necessary witness, it is recommended that Special Agent Mendenhall appear as a witness as scheduled, and if it becomes necessary, that he admit when properly questioned to his knowledge of the technical surveillance on Judith Coplon. This technical surveillance on the office of Judith Coplon was first installed on January 25, 1949, was discontinued on February 5, 1949, reinstated on February 11, 1949, and discontinued on March 12, 1949. This surveillance consisted of a microphone-technical surveillance combination. It was established with the complete authority of the Attorney General and the usual approved request is on file. The microphone surveillance alone is regarded as a legal installation, since the office space was under the control of the Attorney General. For this reason, it was monitored separately from all the other technical surveillances handled by the Washington Field Office. It was actually monitored in the detention cells of the Washington Field Office in the Department of Justice building. Special Agent Mendenhall monitored this surveillance for a short period of time shortly after it was instituted, because there was difficulty in determining the identity of persons who were being discussed. Names were being secured only phonetically and Agent Mendenhall, having thorough knowledge of the case up to that point, was in a position to listen and identify the persons named by both first and last names.

If Special Agent Payne should be called as a witness, it is recommended that he also, if necessary, respond to his knowledge of the existence of this particular technical-microphone installation.

I concur.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Mr. Tolson ☒ ()
 Mr. Clegg ☐ ()
 Mr. Glavin ☐ ()
 Mr. Ladd ☒ ()
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 Mr. Rosen ☐ ()
 Mr. Tracy ☐ ()
 Mr. Gurnea ☐ ()
 Mr. Harbo ☐ ()
 Mr. Mohr ☐ ()
 Mr. Nease ☐ ()
 Miss Gandy ☐ ()

See Me ☐ ()
 Note and Return ☐ ()
 For Your Recommendation ☐ ()
 What are the facts? ☐ ()
 Remarks:

If this points up the matter I discussed yesterday. We now find that 7 know the source & all hangar of the operation of technicals. There is absolutely no reason for such indiscriminate distribution. It is a gross lack of security & a great cause for embarrassment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: April 23, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
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This afternoon at 2:00 PM, I conferred with Mr. Ray Whearty and Mr. J. Kelly of the Department, who are preparing this case for trial.

The testimony with reference to the existence of technical surveillances in this case was discussed. I pointed out that to my knowledge no agent or employee who would appear as a witness would have personal knowledge of any technical surveillance. It was admitted that they had been informed and were generally aware of the fact of the existence of one or more technical surveillance but such information was hearsay in part. It was finally agreed that it would be proper for all agents who appeared as witnesses to respond to any question concerning the existence of a technical surveillance by stating, "I don't know". Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly stated that if the defense counsel pursued the line of questioning past that point, they plan to discuss it with the judge. They do not want to create any bad impression by trying to cover up the fact that technical surveillances were utilized but they wish to point out to the court that it is completely immaterial, and that under the law they are not permitted to divulge the information obtained on technical surveillances, with the expectation that that the judge will stop all questioning with reference to technical surveillances.

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The plan of the trial indicates that the New York employees, with the exception of special agents Miller, Brennan and Hradsky, will not be required until at least Tuesday. I have placed a telephone call to Mr. Belmont and will instruct the three named agents to be in Washington at 9:00 AM on Monday. I will instruct him to have the other New York employees available Tuesday morning in Washington.

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The original information received in this case was received from Arlington Hall and it was furnished to the Bureau with the understanding that the source of the information and the contents of the information would never be disclosed in any manner. I pointed this out to Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly, that both the source and information furnished by the source were confidential, and with their approval, agents when asked questions as to the source of the original information in this case will be instructed to testify the source is strictly confidential, that they are not able to disclose either the source or the information furnished, and that it can be pointed out by the agent if pressed that one of the reasons why the source and the information cannot be disclosed is that it is prejudicial to the interests of the United States.

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Make certain there is no slip on this. This brings up question why our agents should know of the source & why we should have told

the Dept. There are few of our sources which should be kept secret & known to a very limited number.

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Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly wanted me to testify to the receipt of the information and also that I had instructed the investigation and the surveillances. I pointed out to them; (1) the confidential character of the information and that I couldn't make references to it, (2) I personally did not order this investigation, that I merely served as a relay of instruction from the Attorney General and the Director. It was agreed that I would not be a necessary witness.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that all Bureau personnel who will be called to testify in this case be instructed that with reference to technical surveillances they are to respond to any question concerning the existence thereof by answering, "I don't know." I checked with Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office and Supervisor Granville of the New York Division and each has advised that no Special Agent scheduled as a witness has had anything to do with the installation of a technical surveillance nor have they listened to any technical surveillance utilized in this case. They shall not testify to hearsay information.

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To be absolutely certain, however, if this recommendation is approved, all Agents scheduled to testify will again be specially asked upon their arrival in Washington and prior to their testimony, if they had anything to do with a technical surveillance in connection with this case. If, after this second check, it is found that an Agent did have something to do with such a technical surveillance, then a special determination can be made at that time.

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It is also recommended that all such personnel be instructed that they are not to furnish information as to the source of the original complaint nor are they to detail the information furnished by the confidential source in this case. Responding to any questions along this line, they are to state that one described source of information furnished information because it was given to the Bureau on a confidential basis, and its disclosure would be to the decided prejudice of the United States.

*I most certainly
concur.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 20, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
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Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
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Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
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Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

On April 19, 1949, Special Agent Frederick E. Webb, Document Examiner, and Special Agent R. J. Lamphere were present in Mr. John Kelley's office in connection with the testimony of Mr. Webb at the North coming trial which is scheduled to start April 25, 1949. Mr. Raymond Whearty was present. Following the conclusion of the conversation relative to the testimony of Mr. Webb, Mr. Kelley raised the question as to the possibility of Archibald Palmer, Coplon's attorney, asking agents as to whether Coplon's telephone had been tapped and as to what their answers would be if such a question were asked. Mr. Kelley stated that he believed that an agent who had no personal knowledge of the use of a telephone tap in this case could so state but he wondered how such a question would be answered by a Bureau official or an agent in the field who did have such knowledge either personally or officially. Mr. Kelley suggested that the Bureau might desire to give this matter consideration in order that there might be uniformity in the agents' answers to such a question at the trial.

It is believed that agents should respond in accordance with the facts where they have knowledge of the use of technical surveillances used in this investigation. The facts are as follows:

On December 31, 1948, we directed a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting authorization for a technical surveillance on Coplon's residence in Washington, D. C. The Attorney General authorized this technical surveillance on January 4, 1949. The Washington Field Office advised by memorandum dated January 7, 1949, that the technical surveillance (symbol C-593) had been installed at 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 1949, on Judith Coplon's residence at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, 3685 38th Street, Northwest, Telephone Woodyly 5219.

On January 24, 1949, we directed a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting authorization for a technical and microphone surveillance on Coplon's office, room 2220, Department of Justice Building. The Attorney General authorized this surveillance on January 25, 1949. The Washington Field Office, by memorandum dated January 25, 1949, advised that on that day they had installed this coverage which was given symbol #C-594.

On January 24, 1949, we directed a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting authorization for a technical surveillance on Coplon's parents' residence in Brooklyn, New York. On January 25, 1949, the Attorney General authorized this technical surveillance. On February 1, 1949, the New York Office, by memorandum, advised that the technical surveillance was installed on February 1, 1949 at 11:00 a.m., on the residence of Samuel Coplon, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, telephone Gedney 8-1048 (symbol #NYT-512).

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Inspector H. B. Fletcher and Special Agent R. J. Lamphere, both of whom may be called as witnesses, do have knowledge of the above facts in an official capacity. The agents to whom this case was assigned in the Washington Field Office and New York, as well as Supervisor Granville in New York, do have knowledge of the technical surveillances which were handled by their offices.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Special Agents who will be witnesses in this case, testify in accordance with the facts, that is, if they had personal knowledge or official knowledge of the use of technical surveillances in this case, they should so testify, if they are asked such a question on cross-examination.

I agree.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 27, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
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Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 5:25 P.M. and furnished the following information concerning the hearing on the motion filed by Coplon's attorney to suppress the evidence in this case.

Following the 3:30 recess SA McCarthy from the New York Office took the stand. Mr. Palmer asked Mr. McCarthy if it wasn't true that he had made Coplon take something out of her mouth at the time she was arrested and McCarthy said yes, and that it was a life saver. Palmer asked if he thought it was poison and McCarthy said that under the circumstances he considered that. This matter was then dropped and Palmer then wanted to know whether McCarthy forcibly took the pocketbook from Coplon. McCarthy said no but he took it because she was under arrest.

Palmer then began asking questions of McCarthy and Miller as to whether they heard her asking for permission to call her mother and her attorney. They answered no. Palmer is asking everybody if they saw any papers passed. Palmer is making a great issue of the fact that at the time of the arrest without the warrant the Agents did not know or did not have any way of knowing the contents of the pocketbook which was seized.

SA T. Scott Miller was recalled to the stand and identified the complaint which he had filed and which had been telephoned down from New York.

Palmer argued that the material should be suppressed as it is an illegal seizure on the basis of an exploratory search and they didn't know what they were going to find.

The Judge appeared to be shaking his head negatively and it was the Agents' impression that the Judge was disagreeing with Palmer and favoring the Government. Apparently the arguments are over and the Judge will rule on the motion in the morning.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 27, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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 Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 3:45 P.M. and furnished the following information concerning the hearing on the motion filed by Coplon's attorney to suppress the evidence in this case.

Upon the reconvening of the court at 2:00 P.M. Palmer asked for a copy of the complaint filed against Coplon in New York at the time of her arrest. SAAG Kelley said he called New York and arranged to have the content of the complaint phoned down to him and would make it available as soon as it is received. (It is noted that Mr. Whearty's secretary called the Bureau at 2:50 P.M. today and asked if the Bureau had a copy of this warrant. She was advised that one was not in the Bureau files.)

The jury was excused until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 28. SA T. Scott Miller was put back on the stand. Palmer asked Miller if he had seen any papers in the possession of Coplon. Palmer's questioning of Miller assumed a grilling aspect with great emphasis on whether Miller knew the law on searches and seizures. It appears that Palmer is endeavoring to show that the Bureau at the time it arrested Coplon conducted an exploratory search which, on the basis of a Japanese case he cited, is illegal. Palmer asked Miller if he knew where the documents were that were taken from Coplon. Miller replied he did not know. Palmer then waxed sarcastically on the contents of the purse at the time it was taken by the Bureau, insisting that they were trivia.

SA McCarthy of the New York Office was then put on the witness stand. Palmer asked him whether he knew or if anyone had told him that Coplon's phone anywhere - in New York or Washington - had been tapped. McCarthy replied "I don't know." Palmer then injected criticism and sarcasm, pointing out that there apparently were times during the Agents' surveillance of Coplon that she was not completely covered.

Palmer asked why the locker utilized by Coplon at Penn Station had not been searched. His question was objected to and the objection sustained. Palmer then asked for the key to this locker which he stated was in Coplon's purse when she was arrested. McCarthy told him that he did not have it.

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Mr. Delavigne pointed out that Palmer is asking various Agents who testify how Coplon was carrying her bag at the time she was under surveillance and arrested. Apparently he is trying to create some discrepancies in the Agents' stories as to whether she was carrying it under her arm or over her shoulder.

Palmer asked Agent McCarthy if he knew Coplon was to meet Gubitchev. McCarthy replied "no." Palmer then inquired "Who told you to follow her?" McCarthy stated Mr. Granville (Supervisor in the New York Office). Palmer next asked, "Wasn't the person who complained of the action of Coplon on which the investigation was based jealous of her because of a higher efficiency rating received in the office?" McCarthy replied that he did not know. At this point court recessed for a brief time.

Mr. Delavigne stated that from reports Palmer is being obnoxious in that he repeats questions and goes at great length to get in questions which have been objected to and sustained. In other instances following the sustaining of an objection by Government counsel, Palmer comes back in a loud voice and tries to "bowl over" the ruling of the court. He is unusually repetitious in his questioning.

Mr. Delavigne was requested to keep the Bureau informed of additional developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *NBF*
 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.; ET AL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 27, 1949

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At 2:50 P.M. today the secretary of Mr. Whearty in the Department called and inquired if the Bureau had a copy of the complaint filed against Coplon in New York at the time of her arrest. The files are being checked to determine whether they do contain such a copy. It is noted that the New York Office at 3:50 A.M. on March 5, 1949, the day Coplon was taken into custody, sent a teletype to the Bureau setting forth the proposed complaint as drawn against Gubitchev and Coplon.

On discussing this matter with Mr. Ladd, he advised that although it is not known definitely whether the files contain a copy of this complaint the Bureau is aware of the substance of the proposed complaint to be filed against Coplon and Gubitchev. Mr. Ladd instructed that Mr. Whearty's secretary be advised that we do not have a copy of such a complaint and in the event the files do not contain a copy, that the New York Office be requested to forward one to the Bureau immediately.

In accordance with this instruction I called ASAC Belmont of the New York Office at 3:15 P.M. and requested that the New York Office forward to the Bureau immediately a copy of this complaint.

Mr. Belmont stated that he had just received a telephone call from Mr. Donegan informing that he, Donegan, had received a call from Mr. Whearty's secretary in Washington asking that he check this complaint in the Commissioner's Office, particularly to determine whether there were any notations on the back of it. Mr. Donegan asked Mr. Belmont if he knew what they were talking about. Mr. Belmont told him, of course, that he did not. Mr. Belmont said that in checking the records of the NY Office it was determined that there was a copy of the complaint in the NY file but that it was charged out to SA Robert Granville.

I have discussed this with Mr. Granville and he has a copy of the complaint in his possession. Arrangements are being made to have photostatic copies made for the Bureau's files.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 27, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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For your information SA T. Scott Miller of the New York Office stopped by the office during the noon recess and furnished the following "fill-in" on what occurred at this trial this morning.

Mr. Miller stated that Palmer, Coplon's attorney, spent a great deal of time in asking Miller about Coplon's purse. At Palmer's insistence and with the approval of the Judge, all of the remaining personal articles that were in Coplon's purse except the money and the documents were turned over to Palmer, who had these identified and introduced them into evidence.

Palmer then asked Miller to produce the documents. SAAG Kelley objected. A short conference then took place at the bench out of the hearing of Miller, after which court adjourned. Mr. Miller stated that SA Edward F. McCarthy is the first witness to be called upon at the reconvening of court at 2:00 P.M. McCarthy is the Agent who took the purse from Coplon immediately upon accosting her and he turned it over to Agent Miller upon arrival in the New York Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

FROM : LOUISE R. DAY

SUBJECT: NOON NEWS, WMAL

DATE: April 27, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
 Mr. Gurnea ✓
 Mr. Harbo ✓
 Mr. Mohr ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Holmes ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

Judith Coplon, former Justice Department Analyst, may take the stand today and charge that FBI Agents used violence when they arrested her last month in New York.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: April 28, 1949

FROM : L. Whitson *W*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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At 4:40 P.M. on April 7, 1949, Mr. Raymond Whearty delivered to you certain photographs of areas in New York City which had previously been made available to him by us. Mr. Whearty requested that enlargements be made for use at the trial. On April 11, 1949, at 11:15 A.M. the enlargements were returned to Mr. Whearty with the originals by Special Agent R. J. Lamphere. The negatives as prepared by our photo laboratory are attached as enclosures to this memorandum.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
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DATE: April 28, 1949

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Pennington	
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Miss Gandy	

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Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 10:40 A.M. and advised that Judge Reeves, who is sitting on this case, denied the motion filed by the defense to suppress the evidence. The jury has been called in and the trial is ready to start.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER ✓ *4/27*

DATE: April 28, 1949.

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON *JK*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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Mr. Belmont informed me on April 23, 1949, that Kelley and Whearty had been in New York discussing prosecution of this case, and that he, Belmont, had raised the question of the warrant. The Attorneys had not apparently given this matter any thought and were considerably disturbed as to how they would induce the legality of the arrest. It had been tentatively decided that Agent Granville, when testifying on the basis of the information which he obtained as a result of his following the activities of this case, and observing these two together, feeling that a felony had been committed, had caused their arrest; and that their actions on the occasion of meeting in New York, together with previous information developed in the case, gave ground that the commission of felony had occurred and that, therefore, an arrest had been made.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
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DATE: April 27, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 11:30 A.M. today and furnished the following information regarding the developments in the trial of this case.

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The court convened at 10:20 A.M. and Palmer, the attorney for Coplon, complained indirectly about the lack of adequate time to prepare his case. Not too much was made of this issue and it was passed over. Palmer then placed SA Granville of the New York Office on the stand and attempted to attack him because he was not paraded in the courtroom with other agents yesterday afternoon during the selection of the jury. Palmer then went into a series of questions regarding the surveillance and the actual arrest, his point being an attempt to attack the legality of Coplon's arrest. He asked, for example, how many radio cars were on the surveillance, did Granville see anything passed, to whom was Coplon's purse turned over? Palmer next went into the length of Coplon's stay in the New York Office, bringing out the fact that she was stripped and searched thoroughly. He inquired whether she was advised of her right to counsel. He brought in the time of the arrival of Mr. Whearty in the New York Office. At this point, Mr. Delavigne stated, Mr. Whearty jumped to his feet and, according to the Agent reporting him, Delavigne, went into a narrative of what occurred. It was the Agent's reaction that Whearty "made a mess of himself" and only subsided as a result of the persistent tugging on his shoulder by Special Assistant to the Attorney General Kelley. During his talk Whearty stated very definitely that Coplon had been advised of her right to counsel.

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SA T. Scott Miller of the NY Office was next placed on the witness stand and is now being questioned by Palmer. Miller is the Agent who signed the complaint in this case.

Mr. Delavigne observed that Palmer is hammering continuously on the legality of Coplon's arrest. For example, he asked Granville if he had ever seen Coplon before she was taken into custody, was it a fact that during the surveillance they observed Coplon and Gubitchev pass by a park on 192nd Street which contains a "Lovers Lane." Moreover, was it observed that "Judy" was depressed and crying? The response to this last question was that no such signs were noticed. The question as to the names of other Agents who were on the surveillance was also raised.

Mr. Delavigne said he would keep the Bureau informed of developments but from indications thus far it appears that considerable time will be utilized in arguing this motion.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. L. WHITSON *LW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 25, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
 Mr. Gurnea ✓
 Mr. Harbo ✓
 Mr. Mohr ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

At 1:15 P.M. Special Assistant to the Attorney General John Kelley advised Special Agent R. J. Lamphere that the Coplon trial had got under way and the case had been assigned to Judge Reeves, who is a visiting judge from Missouri. The entire morning was taken up with an argument by the defense that the indictment should be quashed on the grounds that Government employees should not have been allowed to sit on the Grand Jury. Mr. Kelley advised that he expects the afternoon will be taken up in picking a jury.

RECOMMENDATION:

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *JDW*

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 25, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
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At 4:30 P.M. Mr. Ray Whearty dropped in and stated that Palmer, attorney for Coplon, had made a motion today to quash the indictment on the grounds that the majority of the persons listed on the Grand Jury Panel were Government employees. He also made another motion of similar character based on the statement that the petit jury panel was of the same character. Both motions were overruled by the court and the selection of the jury was begun. The Government offered to release all Government employees on the petit jury panel prior to any of them being selected but Palmer would not agree to it. This placed Palmer in a rather unusual position in that he now has to use his peremptory challenge to get any other Government employee off the jury. He has attempted to use that claim as a grounds to dismiss them for cause without success.

Mr. Whearty stated that Palmer is talking too much and is prejudicing his defense. Mr. Whearty stated that it was believed that the completion of the selection of the jury would occur during the morning and the trial would proceed thereafter.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *KPF*

DATE: April 26, 1949

FROM : L. WHITSON *RW*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Gurnea	_____
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S. J. [signature]

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At 11:50 A.M. Ethel Moriarity of the Bureau's Records Section advised that while reading the "Washington Post" this morning she noticed that Mr. Garth L. Beaver was being considered for jury duty in the trial of Judith Coplon. She said that until November, 1948, she had lived in the 4800 block of Albermarle Street, N. W., and on several occasions during the fall of 1948 had met Beaver while waiting for a bus. He indicated to her that he had read considerably on the subject of Russia, and on two occasions he had expressed his sympathy with some of the doctrines of the Soviet Union specifically speaking favorably as to their medical system and their educational system. Miss Moriarity stated that once or twice during their conversations he had spoken of the Loyalty Program showing an interest which she considered quite extraordinary, although he had informed her that he was employed in the Navy Department. She stated that, of course, she made no comment concerning the Loyalty Program and thereafter made it a definite point to avoid any contact with him whatsoever. Although Miss Moriarity was unable to recall any additional specific statement by Beaver which would indicate his sympathy with the Soviet Union, his criticism of the Loyalty Program or of the Government of the United States, she said that she had definitely gained the impression that he was pro-Soviet.

Miss Moriarity indicated from her limited contact with Beaver she had gained the impression that he was married, owned his own home and took considerable interest in his home and neighborhood.

The April 26, 1949, issue of the "Washington Post" contained an article on the Coplon trial in which it is reported that Defense Attorney Palmer had questioned individuals in the Jury Panel Box as to whether they had read about the Coplon case. According to the article: "Garth L. Beaver, 44-year-old Government worker, who lives at 4841 Albermarle St. NW., said he had read about it but had an open mind as to Miss Coplon's guilt or innocence."

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"Palmer said:

"You mean that you have been in the Government 14 years..., and you could sit here without prejudice in this case."

"Certainly," said Beaver, "this is America."

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A check of the Bureau's indices reveals but two references to Garth Beaver:

On September 24, 1947, a Loyalty form was submitted by the Navy Department on Garth Lepley Beaver, who was born on September 19, 1904, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was then residing at 4841 Albermarle Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. According to this form, Beaver had been employed by the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C., from 1937 to 1941, and by the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department from 1941 to the date the form was submitted. Under organizations he listed: The American University Citizens Organization and Harmony Lodge, F and A. M. (121-304-292)

On October 1, 1928, Garth L. Beaver, who appears identical with this individual submitted an application for appointment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On October 4, 1928, his application was acknowledged but he was informed that there was no vacancy for a person of his training and experience. (67-10670)

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is submitted for your information. In addition, on your instructions the Washington Field Office has been requested to ascertain the present status of Garth Beaver as a prospective member of the Coplon jury.

Addendum: - 4-26-49

Pursuant to your instructions, Mr. John Kelley, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, was advised of the substance of the information supplied by our employee concerning the prospective juror, Mr. Garth L. Beaver. Mr. Kelley was most appreciative of the information and stated that the matter would be taken care of. He was not furnished the name of our employee.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 26, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

In your absence at 11:15 A.M., ASAC Belmont of New York called and advised that he had just received a telephone call from Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Donegan, informing him that the Russians are now in the Office of the Clerk of Court in the SDNY with the money for Gubitchev's bail.

Mr. Donegan told Mr. Belmont that there would be a slight delay pending an opportunity for Donegan to contact the Judge since it is planned to have the final arrangements for the bail perfected at open court.

Mr. Belmont added that the Bureau would be advised immediately as soon as bail is finally posted.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *S*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
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DATE: April 26, 1949

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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W. L. Sullivan
L. Laughlin

Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the WFO called at 12:50 P.M. and referred to previous correspondence with the Bureau regarding the investigation of potential jury panels in this case. Mr. Delavigne advised that in accordance with Bureau instructions, the WFO had conducted discreet investigations of panels nos. two and three and information developed as a result of these inquiries was submitted to the Bureau. Mr. Delavigne advised that he has just been informed by a WFO Agent, who was acting as observer in this case, that apparently jury panels nos. two and three are not being utilized in the selection of the jury but that panel no. five, which has not been investigated, is being used.

Mr. Delavigne desired to know whether the WFO should endeavor to make a quick check of the individuals comprising panel no. five. In view of the time element it is possible that the WFO will not be able to complete a check of the jury panel but it may afford the Bureau sufficient coverage to make the suggested inquiries worthwhile.

In response to my inquiry as to how far along the selection of the jury has progressed, Mr. Delavigne said he understands that thus far not a single juror has been selected and that he believes that juror no. three on the panel is presently under questioning.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that the WFO be instructed to conduct an indices check only of the persons comprising jury panel no. five.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HB*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *S*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ET AL
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DATE: April 26, 1949

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Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

With reference to your memorandum of April 25, 1949, addressed to Mr. Ladd, which contains a recommendation that SA Mendenhall of the WFO, who has personal knowledge of the existence of the technical surveillance in this case, if called upon as a necessary witness, should testify and admit when properly questioned to his knowledge of the surveillance on Coplon.

At approximately 12:40 P.M. Mr. Rosen advised that the Director had concurred with the recommendation contained in your memorandum and, in accordance with your instruction, I telephonically advised Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne, of the WFO that if Mendenhall is called upon to testify, he should testify as to the facts of his own personal knowledge as they relate to this technical surveillance, if asked such questions. This instruction was relayed to Mr. Delavigne at 12:45 P.M.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : *Holl* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
 SUBJECT: ^① JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: April 26, 1949
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While going over testimony of Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL at 8:00 P. M. on April 25, 1949, Mr. JOHN M. KELLEY of the Department requested him to have the request made of Mr. FLETCHER to authorize a re-interview of [redacted]
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He stated that inasmuch as the material concerning them which was in COPLON's possession will be put in evidence and will be a matter of public record within a few days, he desired that at the time they are re-interviewed they be shown the photostatic copies of this material and requested to comment on its contents.

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He explained that he made this request because of COPLON's attorney's request to him that the [redacted] names not be brought out at the trial. Mr. KELLEY further stated that he felt that COPLON will be in touch with the [redacted] while in Washington during the trial.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HRF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: April 27, 1949

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

On your authorization, SA E. M. Gregg received a call from SA Dudley Payne of the Washington Field office at 3:50 PM, April 26, 1949.

Payne advised that a check of the Washington Field office indices as to persons listed on the Fifth Jury Panel from which the Coplon jury is being selected disclosed a great deal of derogatory information concerning Lillian Benjamin. These references indicated Benjamin's close association with the Communist Party and disclosed the fact that her husband was one of the original organizers of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

This information was brought to the attention of Inspector L. L. Laughlin who, after discussing it with Assistant Director A. Rosen and with Mr. Rosen's approval, advised that the Washington Field office should be directed to furnish the derogatory information concerning Benjamin, as well as any similar information concerning other prospective jurors, to John Kelly of the Department of Justice.

At 4:10 PM, April 26, 1949, SA Gregg advised SA Payne of these instructions.

RECOMMENDATION

None. The above is submitted for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 23, 1949

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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

L. J. Fletcher

At 9:30 AM, April 22, 1949, I called ASAC Belmont and advised him again to the fact that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly were arriving in New York that morning and would want to interview all of the personnel engaged on the surveillances and that they would handle those interviews during the afternoon and perhaps Saturday morning.

I told him that the question of whether or not technical surveillances had been utilized in this case might come up and if any of the personnel were asked questions concerning it they should respond as to facts known to them. They, of course, should not testify as to hearsay information.

I also told him that when the personnel came down to appear as witnesses they should report into the Washington Field Office, in the same manner as though they were appearing under subpoena in any other field division.

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FBI MIAMI 4-25-49 2-52 PM HSB
DIRECTOR AND SACS, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD.....U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RENYCTEL TO MIAMI APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIAMI. DENIES ANY ACQUAINTANCE WITH COPLON AND HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING HER. DENIES HAVING EVER RESIDED OR WORKED AT THREE THREE TWO WEST FORTYFIFTH STREET OR THREE FIVE SEVEN WEST FIFTYSECOND STREET, NYC. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN MIAMI CONSTANTLY SINCE NOVEMBER NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] MAIDEN NAME IS [REDACTED] AND HER MOTHER, [REDACTED] AND BROTHER,

[REDACTED] RESIDE AT [REDACTED] NYC. [REDACTED]

FIRST HUSBAND WAS [REDACTED] SHE WAS DIVORCED FROM HIM JULY TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE AND HAS TWO CHILDREN BY HIM.

SHE THEN MARRIED [REDACTED] ON AUGUST FIFTEEN, FORTYFIVE. SHE DIVORCED [REDACTED] AT MIAMI, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND PLANS TO MARRY

[REDACTED] IN MIAMI TOMORROW. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THE ONLY TWO

ADDRESSES IN NYC AT WHICH SHE LIVED IN PAST TEN YEARS ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRONX, WHERE SHE LIVED FROM AUGUST

FIFTEEN, FORTYFIVE, TO NOVEMBER, FORTYSIX, AND AT HER PARENTS

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ADDRESS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STATES SHE
WORKED FOR BUREAU OF CENSORSHIP IN NYC AS GREEK TRANSLATOR FROM
FIRST PART OF NINETEEN FORTYTHREE UNTIL LATTER PART OF NINETEEN
FORTYFOUR. SHE KNOWS OF NO OTHER PERSONS BY NAME OF [REDACTED]
IN NYC. [REDACTED] WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT
HARTFORD, CONN. R U C.

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WASHINGTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD FROM NEW YORK
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REFER NY REPORT MARCH EIGHT FORTY NINE
THIS CASE. PAGES FIVE NINE THROUGH SIX THREE SET OUT THE THREE PAGE
DOCUMENT TAKEN FROM COPLON ON MARCH FOUR LAST, WHICH DEALS WITH HER
OBSERVATIONS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] b6
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[REDACTED] NY OF OPINION THAT COPLON WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THESE
THREE INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE RECRUITS FOR SOVIET ESPIONAGE. IF NOT
ALREADY DONE, NY OF OPINION THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. COPLON
CERTAINLY KNOWS SHE HAD DOCUMENT IN HER POSSESSION AND IT IS NOT
FELT THAT SUCH INTERVIEWS WOULD PREJUDICE AN INVESTIGATION OF THEM.
AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE AM MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST COPLON ATTEMPTED UN-
SUCCESSFULLY TO COMMUNICATE WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE WFO RE ITS DECISION THIS MATTER.

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Photostatic Portion of
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Coplon's possession
when apprehended

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I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the top secret FBI report which I described to Michael on Soviet & Communist Intelligence Activities in the US. When the moment was favorable, I asked Foley where the report was (He'd previously remarked that he'd had such a report); he said that some departmental official had it and he didn't expect to get it back. Foley remarked there was nothing "new" in it. When I saw the report, for a minute, I breezed through it rapidly, remember very little. It was about 115 pages in length; summarized first Soviet "intelligence" activities, including Martens, Lore, Poyntz, Altschuler, Silvermaster et. al. It had heading on Soviet UN delegation but that was all I saw. The rest of the report I think was on Polish, Yugo, etc. activities and ~~possibly~~ possibly some info on the CP, USA.

Beginning with the spring semester of 1946, I attended The American University, Washington, DC until the spring semester of 1948, during which time I completed my class credits for an MA in International Organizations and International Relations. All I need for my degree is the completion of a thesis. While I'm not enthusiastic about it, I think I should complete this thesis by the summer. My subject will deal with certain aspects of international propaganda and its control.

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[redacted] and I lived in the same neighborhood in Brooklyn, were quite friendly in high school, ~~xxxx~~ drifted apart during college days and saw each other rarely after that. In about October 1947, [redacted] married [redacted] who was then and is now studying at Georgetown University law school. Since [redacted] been in Washington I've seen her only a few times; although personally I'd like to see her more often, I've felt restricted because of her progressive political leanings.

[redacted] is about [redacted] years of age, American by birth. She attended Brooklyn College two or three years, left to take a secretarial course, and held secretarial jobs until she enlisted in the WAVES during the war. When she first came to Washington she worked as a stenographer in the Patent Office, Dept of Commerce; she told me she was extremely bored by this work, deplored her reactionary colleagues. She thought for a while she might try to get some work at the Navy, in view of her former association as a WAVE, but I do not think she pursued the idea. Whether she was dissuaded from doing so, in light of the Loyalty program, I do not know. At the present time she is not working but is attending a school of fashion design during the day.

When I first knew [redacted] although an intelligent and ~~xxx~~ relatively sophisticated girl, she was not politically active, although she might have been a passive member of the American Student Union when at college. At the present time, she is very much interested in progressive groups and appears to have developed a great deal politically. I do not know whether she is or has been a member of the CP. The only political affiliation I know of on her part is that

just previous to coming to Washington she worked as a volunteer on a campaign being conducted by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

I might add that I have tried, the few times I've seen or spoken with her, to avoid political discussions because of the anomalous ~~make~~ status I must occupy in her thoughts. She remembers me as a Communist, and I think she is confused as to whether I still am a C (and if so why I continue to work for the Govt in Washington), or if I've "sold out". I think her opinion is that I ~~am~~ ^{am} somewhere between the two, that is, that I'm just a neurotic.

[] has a pleasing personality, slightly reserved; she is intelligent and outwardly appears well-poised and well-adjusted. However, a few days ago she told me that she had been considering going to a psychiatrist. When I said I was surprised, she remarked that she really thought she needed it and was not being superficial or faddist.

Her family background is fairly comfortable financially. Her father owns a tie factory in Paterson, New Jersey. Her oldest sister is married and I think lives in Paterson. Her other older sister, [] is married to [] and lives in Brooklyn. My impression is that during the time I knew her in Brooklyn, [] was a Communist and was probably then, if not now, a member of the CP. At the present time [] is a housewife, has one young child. Her husband is in some sort of export-import business which requires that he travel A LOT in the US; formerly he used also travel in Europe but I believe he desires to eliminate the latter in view of his young baby, etc.

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[]
[] is about [] years of age, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ an American citizen. He comes from Brooklyn, ~~xxx~~ received a degree in engineering from New York University, was a naval officer during the war, and is attending law school at present for the purpose of becoming a private patent lawyer, with a practice, preferably in New York. For a while he worked in the Patent Office, Dept of Commerce, during the day and attended law school at night; at present he attends school during the day (will finish this June) and works part-time during the day in a private patent law office here.

Politically his views seem to parallel [] although she seems, superficially at least, more politically mature than he. I forgot to add above that [] (and []) are friendly with ^{have mentioned} ~~that they~~ a few persons associated with "Presentation, Inc.", a film outfit with which Carl Marzani was connected.

[] is ^{bright}, has a pleasing personality, like [] appears socially poised, is good company, etc. I know nothing about his family, except that they would appear to be financially comfortable.

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

April 25, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

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You are authorized to conduct an interview of [REDACTED]
for information concerning his knowledge of the activities of Judith Coplon.
This interview should not be conducted at Arlington Hall. In addition, it will
not be necessary for you to question him concerning his duties at Arlington Hall.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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TO : Mr. Fletcher *HB7*

FROM : L. Whitson

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: April 4, 1949

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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In the attached teletype from the New York Office dated March 29, 1949, they suggest that [] and [] be interviewed. This has already been done by the Washington Field Office, the results of the interviews appearing in the report of Special Agent Thomas A. Mendenhall dated March 29, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

You will recall that Coplon was attempting to pass biographical data concerning these two individuals in which she stated that [] knew her as a Communist and that [] had worked in New York as a volunteer on a campaign for funds being conducted by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. In the interview with her [] denied that she had known Coplon as a Communist. [] did admit having volunteered to solicit funds for the VALB.

The New York Office also recommends that an interview be conducted with [] concerning whom biographical data was also being furnished to the Soviets by Coplon. [] is presently working at Arlington Hall. We have investigated him under the Loyalty Program and we are presently investigating him in an espionage case growing out of the instant matter. You may recall that after the publicity appeared concerning Coplon's arrest, he volunteered to officials at Arlington Hall information concerning his knowledge of Coplon. We have not interviewed him but it is recommended that we do so on the basis of his voluntary statements. This will not interfere with our investigation of him. It is felt that prior to such an interview we should advise Colonel Carter W. Clarke that we desire to conduct such an interview.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

The next question which arises relates to the use of material relating to [] at the trial. As you know, Army communications at Arlington Hall have at all times attempted to maintain their operations with the greatest secrecy. In a recent conversation with Mr. Rowlett at Arlington Hall he expressed to Special Agent R. J. Lamphere the hope that the publicity growing out of the Coplon trial as relating to [] would not result in any publicity concerning Arlington Hall. It would appear that if the biographical data concerning [] is used at the trial, publicity may result regarding Arlington Hall from the investigation by newspaper reports and the House Committee on Un-American Activities in their attempts to gain background on [].

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended:

(1) We contact Colonel C. W. Clarke and inform him that we are going to interview [] concerning his voluntary statements regarding his knowledge of Coplon.

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(2) Following this, that we interview [] in line with the above.

(3) That Mr. Whearty be requested not to use the biographical data concerning [] at the trial as it might result in publicity concerning Arlington Hall.

*Done
Mon 4-5-49*

*OK
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Col CW Clarke advised he has no objection to interview but requests it be conducted someplace other than at Arlington Hall.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 22, 1949

FROM : SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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Rebulet April 20, 1949.

Refreport of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS dated April 22, 1949, Washington, D. C., entitled "JURY PANEL CRIMINAL COURT NO. TWO, APRIL, 1949; JURY PANEL CRIMINAL COURT NO. THREE, APRIL, 1949, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, JURY INVESTIGATION."

For the information of the Bureau, the referenced report has been submitted to reflect the results of the investigation requested in the letter of reference dated April 20, 1949, concerning JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/22/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/21/49	REPORT MADE BY HOLLIS W. BOWERS (A) eco'b
TITLE JURY PANEL CRIMINAL COURT NO. TWO, APRIL, 1949 JURY PANEL CRIMINAL COURT NO. THREE, APRIL, 1949 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			CHARACTER OF CASE JURY INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Check made of Jury Panels, Criminal Courts No. Two and No. Three, April, 1949, at Stone's Mercantile Agency, the Credit Bureau, Division of Records, Metropolitan Police Department, and indices of the Washington Field Office, FBI.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated April 20, 1949.

DETAILS: At Washington, D. C.

This investigation is predicated upon Bureau letter of reference which requested that a credit, criminal and indices check be made of April, 1949, Jury Panels for Criminal Courts Number Two and Number Three.

The results of the checks have been set forth, first on the Panel for Court No. Two and secondly, on the Panel for Court No. Three. The name and number of each juror has been placed on a separate page. Stone's Mercantile Agency, 1419 H Street, N. W., the Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., and the Division of Records, Metropolitan Police Department, 3rd and Indiana Avenue, N. W., will be referred to hereinafter as Stone's, Credit Bureau and Police Department, respectively. All names appearing on the two panels were checked at the credit agencies, Police Department, and in the Washington Field Office indices for available information.

PROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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Court #2, Juror #1

GEORGE T. BOWMAN (Govt), 61
4630 - 30th Street, N. W.
Elevator Supervisor, FWA

Stone's Agency reflects two lawsuits for \$25.60 on December 7, 1946, and \$5.00 on September 30, 1947.

Credit Bureau records reflect that the wife of GEORGE T. BOWMAN is MAUDE A. BOWMAN, 3025 - 15th Street, N. W. Credit Bureau report of January 17, 1940, reflects that BOWMAN is white, separated from his wife, and has lived at 4630 - 30th Street, N. W., for about seven months as of January, 1940. BOWMAN's employment at that time was Principal Elevator Operator, National Park Service, to which job he was appointed June 24, 1920, at \$1500 per annum. His wife worked as a presser at Soldiers Home. He has a son, GEORGE WADE BOWMAN, employed at Lansburgh's Department Store, and a son, NEWTON BOWMAN, employed at the Washington Terminal.

Police Department records were negative concerning GEORGE T. BOWMAN. However, on November 2, 1929, a GEORGE BOWMAN, age 39, was arrested by the 6th Precinct for investigation.

Court #2, Juror #2

Mrs. PEARL J. BRYANT (Govt), 53
1431 Que Street, N. W.
Elevator Operator, Agriculture Department

Credit Bureau records reflect Mrs. PEARL BRYANT, widow of CHESTER, has lived at the above address since 1934 when she came to Washington, D. C., from North Carolina. Mrs. BRYANT was employed at the National Museum as a charwoman in 1938. Credit Bureau report of December, 1939, reflected she was 35 to 40 years of age and colored.

Police Department records reflect PEARL BRYANT, a colored domestic, was arrested on July 14, 1937, by Precinct #4 and fined \$5.00 for disorderly conduct. This PEARL BRYANT was forty years of age at the time of this arrest.

Court #2, Juror #3

Miss EDITH BULMER, 42
1440 Chapin Street, N. W., Apt. #30
Jewelry and Cosmetic Supervisor,
Whelan's Drug Store

Credit Bureau records as of May 14, 1948, reflect that BULMER was born in 1906, is white, single, and has no dependents. She has resided at the Chapin Street address since March, 1947, and is employed at Whelan's Drug Store, 1349 C Street, N. W., as a buyer. She has been with Whelan's for twelve years. Her mother, Mrs. C. BULMER, lives in Bridgeport, Conn.

Court #2, Juror #4

[REDACTED]
Repairman, C & P Telephone Company

Credit Bureau records reflect as of May 3, 1947, that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] is white, married, and has resided at
[REDACTED] since 1942. He is employed by the C & P Telephone
Company as a PBX repairman and has worked for this company since 1938. His
[REDACTED] is a telephone operator at the U. S. Tariff Commission.

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Court #2, Juror #5

[REDACTED]
Clerk, Department of Army

Credit Bureau records as of September 3, 1947, reflect the above juror is [REDACTED] years old, colored, single, with no dependents. She has resided at the 19th Street address for six years with her parents; further, that she is employed in the War Department, Office of Quartermaster General, as a Clerk-Typist and formerly worked for the Civilian Production Administration and War Production Board as Assistant File Clerk. Her father was retired from the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

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Indices of the Washington Field Office reflect [REDACTED] was investigated as an applicant for the position of Under Clerk-Typist for the Office for Emergency Management in January, 1942. It was determined she was born [REDACTED] at Washington, D. C., was graduated from Cardoza High School in 1939 in the upper quarter of her class. References and neighbors described her as being loyal, dependable, and hard working. She was a stenographer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1939 and resided at [REDACTED]. During the investigation, it was determined she had moved to [REDACTED], and that the Dies Committee indices reflect the name of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] as being a member of the Marian Anderson Citizens Committee.

Court #2, Juror #6

Mrs. ANNA A. CHASE (Govt.), 40
946 R Street, N. W., Apt. 2
Clerk, Agriculture Department

Credit Bureau records as of October 26, 1948, reflect the above juror born April, 1909, is colored and the widow of ROLAND CHASE. As of 1948, she had resided for three years with her mother at the above R Street address. Prior to living at R Street, she had three other residences in Washington, D. C. She was appointed to the Department of Agriculture as a messenger on April 26, 1945; prior to that time, she had been a domestic.

Police Department records reflect that ANNA CHASE on June 15, 1929, age 21, colored, married, and a domestic, was arrested by Precinct #2 for disorderly conduct and paid a \$5.00 fine.

Court #2, Juror #7

ARNOLD DENNIS, 42
6018 - 4th Street, N. W.
Baker, Wonder Bakery

Credit Bureau records reflect as of July 13, 1948, the above juror had been employed as a baker at the Corby and Wonder Bakery, 2301 Georgia Avenue, N. W., for twenty-two years; that he had lived at the 4th Street address since 1944 and was married to LOUISE LOCKWOOD, who is a Department of Justice Clerk and was appointed to the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court in August, 1935.

Court #2, Juror #8

Mrs. ELSIE E. DICKERSON, 54
484 H Street, S. W.
Housewife

Stone's Agency, the Credit Bureau, Police Department records, and the Washington Field Office indices were negative concerning the above juror.

Court #2, Juror #9

Mrs. LESSIE M. DICKERSON, 54
1823 Irving Street, N. W.
Housewife

Credit Bureau records reflect as of November 9, 1938, that a Mrs. LESSIE DICKERSON, widow of EDWARD E., resided at 1609 Eames Place, N. W.; further, that she was middle aged, white, and a widow. She was employed as a practical nurse. The Credit Bureau file did not contain any information to identify this DICKERSON with Juror #9 above.

Court #2, Juror #10

WALTER W. FINAGIN, 43
2036 - 36th Street, S. E.
Serviceman, Goldenbergs Department Store

Credit Bureau records as of July 12, 1943, reflect WALTER W. FINAGIN is white, married to LOUISE REED, and has resided at the 36th Street address since 1938, and that he has lived in the Southeast section of Washington since 1920. The Credit Bureau records reflect that he was a Private First Class in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1942 and was stationed at the Naval Air Station. Prior to that time, he had worked for the Goldenbergs Department Store four years, House and Herrman Furniture Store prior to that time, and in 1934, was a truck driver. His wife was employed by the Peoples Life Insurance Company of 1343 H Street, N. W., as a clerk. The Credit Bureau records reflect three suits against FINAGIN in 1929, 1933, and 1936, respectively, for \$92.50, \$160 note, and a \$14.00 account.

Court #2, Juror #11

CHARLES M. FRANKLIN (Govt), 58
4934 - 47th Street, N. W.
Administrative Assistant,
Naval Gun Factory

Credit Bureau records reflect the above juror is married to ALLENE D. MOSELEY and that he has resided at the 47th Street address for five years where he is buying the property. He formerly lived in five different residences in Washington, D. C. He was appointed as an Administrative Assistant, Naval Gun Factory, on September 18, 1933, and prior to that time worked for the Trew Motor Company. He is white and approximately 50 to 55 years of age. Credit records reflect four suits for small amounts. No disposition was shown for these suits with the exception of one which was paid in the amount of \$26.70. He had seven bank loans which were all right, three which were fair, and two which would grant him no more loans.

Court #2, Juror #12

Mrs. LELIA C. GRAVES (Govt), 58
501 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.
Elevator Operator, Veterans Administration

Stone's Agency, the Credit Bureau, Police Department, and
Washington Field Office indices were negative.

Court #2, Juror #13

Mrs. MARGARET K. GRIFFITH (Govt), 53
920 Longfellow Street, N. W.
Welfare Clerk, O.Q.M.G., War Department

Credit Bureau records reflect this juror to be 45 years of age in December, 1947, white, married, two daughters, and residing at the Longfellow Street address since 1924, where she owned her own home. She was appointed a War Department Clerk in the Quartermaster Corps on May 13, 1941, and her husband, HOWARD E. GRIFFITH, is employed as an electrician at the Washington Navy Yard, where he went to work in March, 1943. Formerly, he was H. E. Griffith, Electrical Contractor.

Court #2, Juror #14.

CARL W. GROSSKURTH (Govt), 58
13 Bryant Street, N. E.
Progressman, Naval Gun Factory

Credit Bureau records reflect as of February 19, 1941, the above juror was middle aged, white, married, two children, and had resided at the Bryant Street address for twenty years where he owned the property. He was appointed to the Navy Yard as a machinist progressman on May 13, 1907.

Court #2, Juror #15

Mrs. VIOLA M. HALL (Govt), 49
107 South Clifton Terrace, N. W.
Press Feeder, G. P. O.

Credit Bureau records reflect as of December 4, 1945, the above juror had been appointed to the Government Printing Office as a Press Feeder on August 1, 1930; that she was middle aged, white, and married to JOSEPH L. HALL; that JOSEPH HALL had been employed at the Potomac Railroad Yards as a clerk for four years and prior to that time, was a driver salesman for a Washington laundry and clerk for the City Post Office.

Court #2, Juror #16

WILLIAM O. HANCOCK (Govt); 57
3600 Park Place, N. W.
Clerk, Interior Department

Credit Bureau records as of October 12, 1936, reflect above juror, born May 6, 1891, white, married, three children, had resided at the Park Place address for nineteen years and owns this property. He was appointed on November 16, 1914, as an Assistant Chief, Interior Department Land Office. His wife's name is VIVIAN.

Court #2, Juror #17

Mrs. HELEN V. HOLMES (Govt), 54
4633 Blagden Avenue, N. W.
Chief Correspondent, C. A. A.

Credit Bureau records as of September 6, 1940, reflect this juror born in 1896, divorced, and has lived at the Blagden Avenue address since July, 1938, where she owns the property. Prior to that time, she lived at 521 Colorado Avenue, N. W., for seventeen years with her mother, NELLIE VEIHMEYER. She has been employed at the Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, since July, 1928. Prior to that time, she worked for the Treasury Department for eight years. Her husband, DON N. HOLMES, was reported to be in the U. S. Army, and she was divorced from him in 1925.

Court #2, Juror #18

Miss FLORENCE W. JUNKER (Govt), 44
2222 Eye Street, N. W., Apt. 815
Clerk, Navy Department

Credit Bureau records as of August 17, 1948, reflect the above juror born January 19, 1905, white, divorced, and has resided at the Eye Street address for six years. Prior to that time, she lived in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She was appointed to the Navy Department, Bureau of Ordnance, on February 7, 1942, and previously worked for the Camarata Hialeah Smoke Shop in Atlantic City.

Court #2, Juror #19

FELIX E. LICARIONE, 64
3815 - 10th Street, N. W.
Retired

Credit Bureau records as of March 20, 1945, reflect the above juror worked for the Washington Navy Yard as a machinist and received a permanent appointment in July, 1926. He has resided at the 10th Street address since 1926 where he owns the property and his wife, PATRICIA, was employed at the British Embassy in 1937, the Elliott Fischer Company, and Mayflower Hotel for seven years, and worked for the C and P Telephone Company for six years as an instructor.

Court #2, Juror #20

THOMAS M. LIPSCOMB, SR., 51
1613 G Street, S. E.
Assistant Sales Manager, Elite Laundry

Stone's Agency reflects that as of May 2, 1942, the above juror was 42 years old, married, and had been employed by the Elite Laundry since 1929. He was formerly employed by the Washington Terminal as a foreman-engineer. The record reflected four debt suits from 1924 to 1931 ranging in amounts from \$10.00 to \$150.

Court #2, Juror #21

Miss CAROL MATHIS, 39
2801 Cortland Place, N. W., Apt. 302
Manufacturer's Representative,
Helene Curtis Industries

Stone's Agency records reflect that as of May 6, 1940, the above juror was thirty years old, single, and was employed by the WPA in charge of a project at the Rural Electrification Administration, 1720 L Street, N. W. She had been with the WPA since 1938 at that time. She married STANLEY A. CURRENT in 1936 and he was granted an annulment on December 22, 1936. This juror has resided at five different addresses in Washington, D. C., in addition to the Cortland Place address. Her mother, Mrs. JOHN EMORY MATHIS, resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

Court #2, Juror #22

JAMES OLIVER MATHIS, 47
2901 - 18th Street, N. W., Apt. 211
Telephone Supervisor, Western Union Company

Credit Bureau records as of September 30, 1942, reflect this juror, 41 years old, white, married, has resided at the 18th Street address since October, 1938. Formerly, he lived in two other Washington, D. C., addresses for eleven years. He has been employed by the Western Union as an automatic operator since August, 1927. His wife, ANNA L., was also employed at the Western Union as an automatic operator since 1927. JAMES and ANNA both transferred from Western Union, Norfolk, Virginia.

Court #2, Juror #23

Mrs. ELIZABETH G. PENN, 41
1007 Monroe Street, N. W., Apt. 1
Housewife

Stone's agency records as of September 15, 1942, reflected that a Miss ELIZABETH G. PENN, age 37, colored, resided at 2617 Georgia Avenue, N. W., was employed by the WPB as a Junior Clerk. This agency's records also reflected that this Miss PENN had resided off and on prior to 1936 in Pennsylvania and since that time at the 2617 Georgia Avenue address.

Police Department records reflect that an ELIZABETH PENN, age 24, was arrested on December 14, 1931, for disorderly conduct and was fined \$5.00. This PENN was identified as a colored domestic, married, and was arrested by Precinct #4.

Court #2, Juror #24

[redacted]
Manager, Eastern Photoprint Company

Credit Bureau records as of October 21, 1946, reflect that [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] years old, white, single, and had resided at the [redacted] address with [redacted] since 1939 and that she owns this property. [redacted] attended Johns Hopkins University under the G. I. Bill of Rights, was in the U. S. Army from 1940 until he was discharged in November, 1945, and that he also attended Maryland University at one time. He went to work in August, 1946, for the Remington Rand Adding and Calculating Machine Division, 345 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, as a salesman.

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Police Department records reflect that [redacted] of the above [redacted] address received a driver's permit on April 19, 1933, at the age of sixteen, that he was white, and since that time had seventeen traffic violations. Police Department records also reflect that [redacted] [redacted] age [redacted] white, was arrested on June 1, 1935, for investigation and released by the 8th Precinct. He was a student at that time.

Court #2, Juror #25

MATTHEW J. RAMISCH, SR., 42
5408 - 1st Street, N. W.
Assistant Employment Agent,
Capital Transit

Credit Bureau records as of September 3, 1947, reflect this juror was born in 1906, white, married, and has resided at the First Street address for thirteen years. His wife, MARY W., is employed by Frank Ange of Stoneleigh Court as a clerk. Formerly, she was with the Welfare and Recreation Association as a personnel officer. The above juror has worked for the Capital Transit Company since June 10, 1936. Formerly, he was with the Charles Loffler Construction Company, the Fred Drew Construction Company, and the Red Top Cab Company.

Court #2, Juror #26

Mrs. LOUISE S. ROTH (Govt), 42
6921 Georgia Avenue, N. W., Apt. 6
Clerk, Walter Reed Hospital

Credit Bureau records as of December 5, 1944, reflect the above juror, 34 years old, white, married, and had resided at the Georgia Avenue address since August, 1941; that she came from Coudersport, Pennsylvania, in August, 1940. Her husband, JOHN, was employed by the War Department at Walter Reed Hospital as Superintendent of the Warehouse Medical Supplies. He had been in this position since June, 1944, and formerly was with the Hecht Company.

Court #2, Juror #27

MARSHALL L. ROYSTON, 52
2427 Irving Street, N. W.
Sheet Metal Worker, Washington Terminal

Stone's agency records reflect as of October 9, 1939, the above juror had been employed by the Washington Terminal since 1921. ROYSTON has had four debt suits for the period June, 1930, to November, 1932, in amounts from \$26.40 to \$105. His wife was listed as his only dependent.

Court #2, Juror #28

Miss INA G. VAWTER (Govt), 46
4717 - 3rd Place, N. W., Apt. 1
Machine Operator, Treasury Department

Stone's Agency and the Credit Bureau, the Police Department and the Washington Field Office indices were negative concerning above juror.

Court #2, Juror #29

SAM WASSERMAN, 39
4524 Iowa Avenue, N. W., Apt. 3
Real Estate Broker, Enterprise Realty Company

Stone's agency records as of August 24, 1945, reflect that SAMUEL WASSERMAN, wife ZELMA, was 36 years old, married, and had been unemployed at that time since June, 1945. He came to Washington, D. C., from 857 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had been employed in New York as a civil engineer. He was in the U. S. Army from 1942 until 1945. On March 4, 1947, he was sued for money due of \$1,000 by the Acton Plaza Corporation. On April 29, 1948, he was sued by BOB HOLLANDER for money due of \$500.

Indices of the Washington Field Office reflect on February 7, 1941, one SAM WASSERMAN of 1323 Quincy Street, N. W., parked his car in the vicinity of Turners Arena during a meeting of the American Youth Congress. The Indices fail to reflect any information identifying this WASSERMAN with Juror #29.

Court #2, Juror #30

[REDACTED]
Salesman, Sears Roebuck Company

Credit Bureau records reflect as of September 4, 1947, that this juror was [REDACTED] years old, white, married, and employed by Sears Roebuck and Company as a salesman from October, 1942, to December, 1943. He was again employed by Sears Roebuck in May, 1946. He served in the U. S. Army for 27 months as a Private First Class. His [REDACTED] worked as a clerk in the Audit Department of the Wardman Park Hotel. She formerly worked for the Sears Roebuck Company as a clerk in the Credit Office at their Wisconsin Avenue store.

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Court #3 Juror #1

Mrs. THELMA D. ACTY - 38 -
1201 Que Street, Northwest
Housewife

Credit Bureau records, as of March 15, 1939, reflect the Reverend WILLIAM M. ACTY, was married to THELMA and that he had divorced his first wife, LEOILA H., in May of 1937. THELMA at this time was thirty-five years old and Colored. Her husband, WILLIAM, was employed at the National Press Club as a waiter.

Court #3 Juror #2

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Printer's Assistant, Bureau of Engr. and Printing

Stone's Mercantile Agency, the Credit Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department and the Washington Field Office indices were negative concerning the above juror.

Court #3 Juror #3

HERMAN L. BLEDSOE - 39
5617 Sherrier Place, Northwest
Despatcher's Office, Capital Transit *

Credit Bureau records as of November 29, 1940, reflect the above juror born September, 1909, and had resided at 139 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland since 1933. He was employed by the Capital Transit Company as a trainman on March 7, 1934.

Court #3 Juror #4

GEORGE W. BOYCE - 57
3227 Ninth Place, Southeast
Retired

Credit Bureau records, as of September 27, 1933, reflect the above juror to be employed as an attendant at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and had been so employed for nine years. His wife, NELLIE FLORENCE, had also been employed as an attendant at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for a number of years. GEORGE BOYCE and his wife, as of 1933, had lived at the Ninth Place address for three years.

Court #3 Juror #5

LISTON G. BROADHURST - 56
1400 Holly Street, Northwest
Retired

Stone's Mercantile Agency records, as of March 15, 1946, reflect the above juror to be fifty years old, married and employed by the District of Columbia Government in the Refuse Department as a foreman. His wife, SUSIE BAUM, worked at the United States Treasury Department as a clerk from March of 1923 until June, 1943, and since 1943, has been with the War Assets Corporation as a clerk. This juror formerly lived at 1218 Kennedy Street, Northwest from October, 1922 until April of 1938.

Court #3 Juror #6

[REDACTED]
Clerk-Typist, Hdq. U.S.A.F., Pentagon

Stone's Mercantile Agency records reflected, as of February 7, 1949, the Hollywood Credit Clothing Company entered a suit against [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Northwest for merchandise \$42.00.

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Court #3 Juror #7

Miss MARY V. CHAPPELEAR (Govt.) - 62
1504 - 23rd Street, Southeast
Examiner - Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Credit Bureau records, as of July 26, 1943, reflect the above juror to be single, white and living at the 23rd Street address since 1929. Prior to that time, she lived at 107 Ridge Road, Southeast for ten years. She was appointed an examiner, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, on February 21, 1917, and was a Yeomanette, United States Navy, World War I.

Court #3 Juror #8

FRANK F. DAVIS (Govt.) - 37
1443 T Street, Northwest #31
Letter Carrier - Post Office

Credit Bureau records, as of December 8, 1947, reflect the above juror was born in November, 1911, was Colored, married and had resided at the 1443 T Street address since January, 1942. Further, that he was appointed a letter carrier, City Post Office, on April 6, 1936, and prior to that time, had been a file clerk with the National Recovery Administration. His wife, ELIZABETH GANDY, who was divorced from THEODORE GANDY, was employed by the Treasury Department, Publication Division, in November of 1934. Prior to that time, she was with the City of Detroit Treasurer's Office.

Police Department records reflect that FRANK FREDERICK DAVIS, JR., of 1443 T Street, Northwest, born January 20, 1911, District of Columbia, has had twelve traffic violations from October, 1938, until March of 1949.

The indices of the Washington Field Office reflect that one FRANK DAVIS of 2114 P Street, Northwest, attended the Second Annual Conference of the Washington Youth Congress held in Washington on November 1, 2, and 3, 1940. The indices did not reflect any information identifying this FRANK DAVIS with the above juror.

Court #3 Juror #9

OSCAR DE PRATO (Govt.) - 44
2000 Shepherd Street, Northeast
Printer - Government Printing Office

Credit Bureau records, as of October 30, 1946, reflect the above juror to be forty years old, married and lived at the Shepherd Street address for nine years. Further, that his parents operate a grocery store at 229 D Street, Northwest. He was appointed to the Government Printing Office on September 17, 1923. His wife's name is PEARL and is unemployed.

Court #3 Juror #10

Mrs. THERESA M. DIEGELMANN - 48
1846 C Street, Southeast
Unemployed

Credit Bureau records, as of February 25, 1941, reflect that the above juror is white, married and has lived at the "C" Street address since January, 1940. Her husband, JOSEPH J. DIEGELMANN, as of 1941, had been employed by the M.E. Swing Coffee Company, 1013 E Street, Northwest, as a manager for seven years.

Court #3 Juror #11

[REDACTED]
Auditor - Income Tax Bureau, Internal Revenue

Credit Bureau records, as of March 22, 1945, reflect the above juror was appointed to the Department of Internal Revenue in August, 1942, and prior to that time, had been an employee at the Lansburgh Department Store. [REDACTED] was a clerk - stenographer in the Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary, and had been appointed to that job on September 16, 1937. Her maiden name is [REDACTED]

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Court #3 Juror #12

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[REDACTED]
Postal Clerk - Washington Terminal

Stone's Mercantile Agency records, as of April 15, 1949, reflect the above juror to be [REDACTED] years old, single and substitute clerk for the Post Office since April of 1948. This Agency's records show one suit for \$1.61, by Eisman's against this juror in May, 1948.

The Credit Bureau records, as of July 1, 1947, indicated this juror was employed by the War Department.

Court #3 Juror #13

ARON GROER - 44
6313 - 16th Street, Northwest, #A-5
Salesman, D.C. Butter Company

Credit Bureau records of June 10, 1948, reflect the above juror to be 42 to 45 years of age, white, married and having resided at the 16th Street address since June, 1943. Formerly, he lived on Thirteenth Street, Northwest, for three years and prior to that, on Park Road. He came from Paris, France in 1937. His wife's name is HELEN and she was formerly Mrs. LORRAINE M. HACKMAN. She at one time worked as a dressmaker, care of Madame ALEGRIA, Inc., 2643 Connecticut Avenue. The above juror and his wife became United States citizens in 1943, at which time they changed their surnames to GROER from GROSFATHER.

Court #3 Juror #14

Mrs. LUCY B. HENNING (Govt.) - 50
4621 Eighth Street, Northwest
Clerk-Stenographer, U.S. Soldiers' Home

Credit Bureau records reflect, as of April 8, 1946, that the above juror was born on January 15, 1899, is white, married and has resided at the Eighth Street address off and on for twenty years. She formerly lived in North Carolina and had been employed, as of April, 1946, as a clerk in the U.S. Soldiers' Home for two and a half years. Prior to that time, she was employed by the Treasury Department, Disbursement Office, and her husband, JOSEPH M. HENNING, was employed in 1946 by the Esskay Company, Meat Packers, as an assistant office manager. He had been with Esskay since July, 1941, and prior to that time, was with the Phillips Sausage Company of Washington, D.C.

Court #3 Juror #15.

Miss THERESA L. HEUSI (Govt.) - 62
2032 - 32nd Street, Southeast
Clerk - Veterans Administration

Credit Bureau records, as of May 15, 1942, reflect that the above juror is middle-aged, white, single and has resided at the 32nd Street address since 1939. She formerly resided at 2025 A Street, Northwest, for four years and for about ten months at 4517 Twelfth Street, Northeast. Prior to that time, she came here from Colorado. She was appointed to her position with the Veterans Administration on May 24, 1920, and transferred from Veterans Administration in Denver, Colorado to Washington, D.C.

Court #3 Juror #16

Mrs. MADELINE L. HOFFMAN - 43
1112 D Street, Southeast, #1
Clerk, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company

Stone's Mercantile Agency records, as of January 7, 1949, reflect the above juror to be 41 years old, separated and employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as an operator. This Agency's records reflect that her husband, FRANK B. HOFFMAN, separated from her several months ago, as of the date of the report which was January 7, 1949.

The Credit Bureau's records, as of June 11, 1942, reflect that the above juror lived with her husband, FRANK B. HOFFMAN, at 1321 Kenyon Street, Northwest, and that this was her house, having been divorced from WILLIAM B. HAINA; further, that she was born SCROGGINS. Her husband, FRANK, was a brick-layer.

Court #3 Juror #17

Mrs. NOVELLA G. JOHNSON - 48
21 Que Street, Northwest
Housemaid - Dr. R. WILKINSON

Police Department records reflect that on September 1, 1927, NOVELLA JOHNSON, Colored, age 24, servant, was arrested by Precinct #3, for disorderly conduct and forfeited five dollars.

Court #3 Juror #18

FRED KANNEL (Govt.) - 52
5234 First Street, Northwest.
Assistant Superintendent, Presswork Division,
Government Printing Office

Credit Bureau records, as of October 14, 1941, reflect that the above juror is white, married and had lived at the First Street address since January of 1937. Prior to that time, he had lived at 813 Eye Street, Northeast, from 1915. He was appointed to his position at the Government Printing Office in July, 1918.


Court #3 Juror #19

Mrs. GLADYS M. KOLB - 45
4901 Albemarle Street, Northwest
Housewife

Credit Bureau records reflect that, as of January 15, 1941, the above juror had lived at the Albemarle Street address since June, 1929, that she is unemployed and her husband, WALTER G. KOLB, is an electrical contractor and holds the position of president of Kolb's Electrical Company.

Court #3 Juror #20

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Aeronautical Engineer, David Taylor Model Basin

Stone's Mercantile Agency, the Credit Bureau, Police records and the indices of the Washington Field Office were negative concerning the above juror.

Court #3 Juror #21

ROLSTON LYON (Govt.) - 41
217 Rittenhouse Street, Northwest
Post Office Clerk

Credit Bureau records reflect, as of January 9, 1939, that ROLSTON LYON, a young single man, had resided at 217 Rittenhouse Street, Northwest, with his parents since 1920. He is an economist and was formerly employed by the Federal Coordinator of Transportation, to which job he was appointed in August, 1933. He formerly was at the Washington Cathedral as a program aide.

Stone's Mercantile Agency records reflect that ROLSTON LYON of the Rittenhouse Street address was married on December 20, 1939.

Court #3 Juror #22

Mrs. SARAH H. MAC ILHENNY - 52
931 G Street, Southwest
Housewife

Metropolitan Police Department records reflect that SARAH MAC ILHENNY of 931 G Street, Southwest, filed a complaint at Precinct #4 for assault with a deadly weapon against JOHN MAC ILHENNY, also of the G Street address. This complaint was filed on February 20, 1948, and reflected JOHN's birth date as December 15, 1893, Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania and profession as engineer. At the time of the filing of this complaint, the complainant's father's name was listed as JOHN, and mother as ANNA MURRAY. The Police Department records failed to indicate whether or not JOHN was her husband or father.

Court #3 Juror #23

GEORGE F. SCOTT (Govt.) - 41
2312 Naylor Road, Southeast
Painter - Navy Department

Credit Bureau records reflect, as of May 2, 1941, that GEORGE F. SCOTT of 1216 Owen Place, Northeast, worked as a painter at the Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Maryland, and prior to that time, had worked for the Baltimore Renovation Company. The records indicate that he came to the District of Columbia from New Jersey and that his wife, HELEN DUTZ, was employed by the Department of Commerce as a clerk - stenographer and had been appointed to the position on August 28, 1936. At the time of this report, the above juror was described as 32, white and married and as having lived at the Owen Place address for five years.

Police Department records reflect that GEORGE F. SCOTT of 2312 Naylor Road, Southeast, has a record of thirteen traffic violations from June 29, until March of 1948. The records also indicate that on September 3, 1927, GEORGE FRANCIS SCOTT, 20, white and painter of 3212 Alabama Avenue, Southeast, was arrested for taking property without right. This arrest was nolle prossed.

Court #3 Juror #24

ISIDORE SEMSKER - 52
1601 Argonne Place, Northwest, #453
Merchant - Ring Building

Credit Bureau records, as of January 22, 1948, reflect that the above juror is 49 years old, white and married and has resided at the Argonne Place address since August of 1939. Formerly, he lived in three different addresses in that vicinity. This juror was the organizer of the University Shop, after which he went to work with the Hecht Company as a buyer. He has been connected with Dell's, Inc., at 423 Tenth Street, Northwest, where he conducted retail store selling of radios and appliances. His wife's name is YETTA.

Court #3 Juror #25

ALVIN C. SHERMAN - 44
427 Eleventh Street, Northeast
Salesman - General Foods Sales Company

Credit Bureau records, as of August 7, 1941, reflect that the above juror was a salesman for General Foods Sales of 401 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and that he had been with the same company in New York. The above juror's wife's maiden name was SIMPSON, and was listed at that time as living at 1801 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California, having separated from ALVIN SHERMAN. She was formerly employed as a nurse and a beautician.

Court #3 Juror #26

Miss MARY A. SIMS (Govt.) - 45
2544 - 17th Street, Northwest, #45
Clerk, U.S. Coast Guard.

Stone's Mercantile Agency, the Credit Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department records and the files of the Washington Field Office were negative concerning the above juror.

Court #3 Juror #27

VERNON E. SMALL - 41

2013 T Street, Southeast

Type. Reprmn., Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company

Credit Bureau records, as of November 2, 1942, reflect that the above juror was born October 1, 1907, is white, married and has resided at the T Street address since June, 1939. Further, that he was employed as an outside repairman by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, to which job he had been appointed in May, 1929. Prior to that time, he was a mechanic with the Western Electric Company for fifteen years. His wife, MYRTLE BURCHELL, has been employed by the Kann's Department Store as a saleslady.

Police Department records reflect that VERNON EARL SMALL, 27, white, machinist, was arrested by Precinct #5 on April 27, 1935, for being drunk and forfeited ten dollars. The records also indicate that VERNON EARL SMALL, age 13, white, was arrested on August 15, 1921, for destroying private property by Precinct #11.

Court #3 Juror #28

HUGO A. ^VSTAHL (Govt.) - 58
603 Powhatan Place, Northwest
Chief Engineer - Surveyors Office

Credit Bureau records reflect that, as of May 22, 1947, the above juror was 56 years old, is white, is married, and had been living at the Powhatan Place address since March, 1936. Prior to that time, he had lived on Concord Avenue, Northwest and various other addresses in Washington, D.C. He has been employed by the Surveyors Office, District of Columbia, as an assistant engineer since 1912. His wife's name is KATHERINE E. STAHL.

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The Police Department records indicate that on June 29, 1948, [] student, white, born [] of [] Northwest, was arrested on an assault warrant by Precinct #6. His [] name was given as [] and []

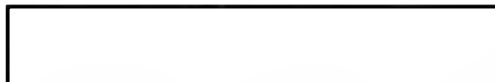
The files of the Washington Field Office reflect that in 1941, HUGO A. STAHL, 603 Powhatan Place, Northwest, was reported by friends and associates at the District of Columbia Surveyors Office, where he was employed, as being very pro-German and having made such statements as "this damn ROOSEVELT and England can't whip Germany." Investigation reflected that his father, EDWARD STAHL, deceased, was employed as a policeman by the Metropolitan Police Department. Numerous pro-Nazi statements were attributed to STAHL. Friends and associates variously describe him as a "nut," "unpredictable," "an admitted Atheist," and "peculiar."

Court #3 Juror #29

JOHN STEFANEK (Govt.) - 52
2104 - 32nd Street, Southeast
Foreman Carpenter - Federal Works Agency
Public Buildings Administration

Police Department records indicate that JOHN STEFANICK, brakeman, white, was arrested on August 21, 1931, by Precinct #1 for being drunk and disorderly and forfeited \$15. His age at this time was given as 35. Arrested on November 18, 1932, for being drunk and disorderly by Precinct #10, at which time he forfeited \$15. His age was listed as 42 at this time. Arrested on March 30, 1934, for disorderly conduct, at which time he forfeited \$5. His age was given as 41 at this time. Again, he was arrested by Precinct #1. Arrested on June 16, 1941, for being disorderly and charged \$10 fine. His age was given as 46 at this time and he was arrested by Precinct #2.

Court #3 Juror #30



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Checker-Rec. Department, Lansburgh Brothers

Credit Bureau records reflect, as of February 20, 1948, that the above juror was born on [redacted] was white, single and had resided at the [redacted] address for the entire period of his life. Further, that he served the United States Army for three years and is presently employed by the Lansburgh Department Store.

Court #3 Juror #31

[REDACTED]
Clerk - Navy Department

Credit Bureau records reflect that, as of August 27, 1948, the above juror was born [REDACTED] was Colored and married and had lived at the [REDACTED] address since 1941. His [REDACTED] is unemployed. This juror was appointed to his position with the Navy Department on October 29, 1945.

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Police Department records reflect that on November 1, 1939, a driver's license was issued to the above juror and that he has had five traffic violations for the period, March, 1940, to August, 1948. The following arrest record appears for [REDACTED] On June 5, 1938, age [REDACTED] Colored, laborer, arrested for investigation and released. Arrested October 16, 1943, age [REDACTED] Colored, porter, by Precinct #13, forfeited \$10 for drunkenness. Arrested on June 26, 1945, age [REDACTED] Colored, presser, by Precinct #13, investigation - dismissed. Arrested September 16, 1945, age [REDACTED] Colored, laborer, for investigation - released. Arrested September 21, 1946, age [REDACTED] Colored, laborer, by Precinct #4 and forfeited \$10 for being drunk. Arrested on June 19, 1946, age [REDACTED] Colored, driver, by Detective Bureau and forfeited \$50 for permitting gambling. The Police Department records fail to indicate that the above arrest record is for the above-listed juror.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
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DATE: April 28, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓
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Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

Reference is made to my memorandum of this date.

I talked with Mr. Kelley at 11:30 a.m. today outside of the courtroom and I told him that the Agents would testify as to the facts, and that with reference to the questions relating to technical surveillances they would respond to the questions in accord with their knowledge; that if the questions were to the effect, "Were you told or had you heard that wire taps were used?", they will respond "yes." I told him that the Bureau's concern with this matter related to the security of its operations, but the Agents were not going to evade the questions.

Mr. Kelley stated that he realized that most of it was hearsay with the various Agents, but from a tactical standpoint he was reluctant to object. Mr. Knight of the Department came in during this discussion and he stated there was no alternative but to object. Mr. Kelley came around with this view, and he told me as follows:

1. Special Agent Mendenhall will not be used as a witness because of the fact that he has personal knowledge of the existence of at least one technical surveillance.
2. If the question as presented calls for a statement on the part of the Agent requiring personal knowledge, he is to answer it correctly "I don't know."
3. If the question goes beyond that point and is of such character as "Have you heard or did someone tell you that wire tapping was used", he will object. The objection will be based on several grounds: - (1) It is immaterial; (2) It is hearsay; (3) No evidence is being secured from such sources, only actual eye witnesses are being utilized; (4) The law prohibits the disclosure of information obtained in such a manner.

Mr. Kelley indicated if necessary they would thresh the matter out in the chambers of the Court.

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The net result of Mr. Kelley's statement to me is that they will now follow the original plan as they had outlined to me previously. All Agents are being recontacted. Most of them have already been contacted and have been told that they are to respond to the questions within their knowledge and they are not to be evasive.

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Wish Kelley would make
his mind up. *ll*

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JUDITH COPLON ESPIONAGE R. RE MIAMI TEL APRIL TWENTY LAST.
FURTHER INVESTIGATION NYC REFLECTS CURRENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: 4-27-49

FROM : J. E. MILNES

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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4-26-49

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Special Agent Dudley Payne of the Washington Field Office called. He said that he had just come from a conference with the Departmental attorneys, during which time they discussed the obtaining of the search warrant and the actual search of Coplon's apartment. At the conclusion of the conference, it was determined that Special Agent Payne, who signed the affidavit, and Special Agent Oberdorf should be available all day in order that they could be contacted immediately. He also told me that Special Agents Miller, Granville and McCarthy were to be in court at 10:00 a.m. today, 4-27-49. He said that the Agents were aware of this.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was., et al
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 26, 1949

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

Mr. Glavin ☒

Mr. Ladd ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Tracy ☒

Mr. Egan ☒

Mr. Gurnea ☒

Mr. Harbo ☒

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Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒

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Mr. Nease ☒

Miss Holmes ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

Mr. Delavigne of the WFO called at 4:25 P.M. and advised that the jury in this case has been sworn in. The names of the jurors have not as yet been obtained by the WFO but the jury consists of six white men, two male Negroes, and four female Negroes. Two white men have been selected as the alternates.

Following the swearing in of the jury, Coplon's attorney, Palmer, moved to suppress the evidence seized by Agents of the New York Office at the time of Coplon's arrest on the ground that seizure was illegal. It was agreed that this motion would be argued at 10:00 A.M. tomorrow, April 27, 1949. In connection with the argument of the motion, Special Assistant to the Attorney General Kelley has agreed to have the Agents who seized this material from Coplon present in the court room. The jury, of course, will not be present during the arguing of this motion.

The court adjourned at 4:15 P.M. without hearing any witnesses at all.

ADDENDUM:

Mr. Mearns stopped by the office at 4:40 P.M. and confirmed the above information. He said that he would furnish the Bureau with the names of the jurors as soon as they are available.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 26, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 9:00 a.m. today I discussed with the following personnel the question of testimony on technical surveillances and the question relating to the confidential sources of information in this case.

T. H. Zoeller
R. W. Robinson
J. P. Daley
J. F. Malley
J. R. Murphy
T. J. McAndrews
Robert J. Wirth
Sappho Manos
Catherine Condon

Edward F. McCarthy
John J. Ward
Brewer Wilson
Leo J. Gauthier
Daniel F. Garde
William A. Kolar
Martin J. McGuinn
Martin Carey

With the exception of Mr. Gauthier, all of the above named personnel are from the New York Office. I determined that none of this personnel has any personal knowledge of the existence of technical surveillances in that they did not assist in the installation of any technical surveillance nor did they sit in at any listening post. Their knowledge of the existence of technical surveillances is hearsay information. I told them that this being true they could properly answer questions relating to the actual technical surveillances by stating "I don't know." I told them that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly planned that if the question went beyond this that they would take the matter up by stating that the question was immaterial.

I determined that the majority of those present had knowledge as to the source of information in this case and, similarly, most of those present had knowledge of the information furnished by the confidential source. I told them that both the source and the information itself were confidential, that they were not to disclose the source or the information and that they were to advise that it was confidential. I told them that if they were pressed on this matter they should secure the legal advice of Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly, but it was necessary that the source and the information be kept confidential.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Lish Whitson *LW*

DATE: March 15, 1949

FROM : R. J. Lamphere *RJL*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

On March 8, 1949, Mrs. Allie Hoke, who is employed in the files Unit of the Bureau, was interviewed by me, at which time she advised that a [] had rented a room in Mrs. Hoke's home at 1694 Lanier Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on February 2, 1949, and had actually moved into the room the following Saturday.

[] at that time told Mrs. Hoke that she was new in Washington and came from New York City. She was at that time accompanied by four other girls. Mrs. Hoke did not know where this girl was employed but thought it was in some Government agency. She said she was reporting the matter inasmuch as she thought this girl might be some relative of Judith Coplon. She said that [] receives an unusual amount of mail.

On March 11, 1949, Mrs. Hoke reported that most of the mail received by [] is from Larchmont, New York. Mrs. Hoke described [] as follows:

Age - about 30
Height - 5 feet 4 inches
Weight - 140 pounds
Hair - black
Build - stout
Appearance - thick, heavy glasses
Race - Jewish

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that no information has been received that Judith Coplon has a relative by this name and in view of the difference in the spelling of the last name, no further investigation of this matter is recommended.

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On October 6, 1947 the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, submitted a Loyalty Form on [redacted] born [redacted] in New York City. From January, 1937 until the date of the form she had resided at [redacted] New York City. She was listed as unmarried.

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From June, 1943 to July, 1943 she was employed by the Jewish Vacation Association, 228 second Avenue, New York City, and from February, 1945 to the date of the form she was employed by the National Bureau of Standards, 150 Nassau Street, New York City as a computer.

She admitted affiliation with the Associate Alumnae of Vassar College and the United Public Workers of America, CIO.

No disloyal data is available in the Bureau files.

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Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE -R. REBUTEL APRIL TWENTY SECOND, LAST.
[] INTERVIEWED. [] ADVISED MET COPLON IN FALL OF
NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, INTRODUCED BY [] WHO WAS HIS
FORMER ROOMMATE. [] STATED VISITED AT COPLON-S HOME AND SAW HER
A FEW TIMES BUT AT ALL TIMES VISITS WERE PURELY SOCIAL, NO POLIT-
ICS DISCUSSED. AT TIME [] MET COPLON HE WAS EMPLOYED IN THE ARMY
SIGNAL CORPS, IN THE ARMY SECURITY DIVISION AS AN ANALYST. HE DENIED
EVER RECEIVING ANY REQUEST OR FURNISHING ANY INFORMATION TO COPLON.
OTHERS FRIENDLY WITH COPLON AND ALSO EMPLOYED IN ARMY SIGNAL CORPS
WERE CATHY PEARCE, NOW MARRIED TO ^{late} ARTHUR LEWIS, BOTH RESIDING AT ONE
TWO TWO NAUGHT NORTH QUINN STREET, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA AND JOAN
MC KENZIE. [] STATED HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AVC, FORMER MEMBER
OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE, ALSO A REGISTERED ALP
VOTER. ADMITS BEING "LEFT OF CENTER", DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN CP.
FULL CONTENT OF MEMORANDUM BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU WITH SA JOHN
R. MURPHY, JR.

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 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Gurnea _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

April 25, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I called McCaffery at the WOL News Room and told him that we had received some calls on their 8:15 news cast this morning wherein they stated that Judith Coplon was an FBI employee. McCaffery immediately stated that this was wrong; that she was a Justice Department employee; that he would check into it immediately and see to it that a correction was made. I told him that we were merely calling this to his attention.

Respectfully,

H. B. Nichols

Good. I heard the
 broadcast & it was
 stated she was
 an FBI employee.

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TO : D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : E. L. ROBBINS *ELR*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 23, 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

ASAC Belmont of the New York office called at 11:55 PM, April 22, 1949, and advised as follows:

He has been in conference with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly of the Department of Justice in regard to the Coplon case. Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly have gone over the expected testimony with the respective agents and he, Mr. Belmont, will continue to consult with the agents on April 23, 1949.

Mr. Belmont has instructed the agents of the New York office and the two stenographers of the New York office to report to the Washington Field Office at 9:00 AM, Monday, April 25, 1949. This action was taken so that the New York agents can go over the maps and so that they will be available to discuss various phases of the case should questions be brought up by the Department attorneys.

Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly plan to consult with Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Lamphere on the morning of April 23, 1949, in Washington, D. C. The Department attorneys wish to discuss, among other things, the replies that agents are to make to questions concerning the use of technical surveillances, should such questions be directed to the agents. The Department attorneys have stated that they do not believe the agents should be evasive and should make some comment should such questions be asked.

Mr. Belmont stated that should the Bureau disagree with his instructions, that the New York agents are to report at the Washington Field on Monday morning, April 25, 1949, he should be notified at the earliest convenient hour on Saturday morning.

ADDENDUM:

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Lamphere notified 8:45 AM, April 23, 1949.

W. P. Jones *W.P.*

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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Miss Gandy.....

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESP DASH R. RE WFO TEL APRIL TWENTYONE. IN VIEW OF
ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP OF MERVYN E. TOBIAS IN CP AND POSSIBILITY THAT
HE MIGHT HAVE ASSISTED COPLON IN HER ACTIVITIES IT IS BELIEVED
ADVISEABLE THAT THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED WITH MORE DETAILS
CONCERNING THE EXTENT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COPLON AND
TOBIAS. ALSO THAT A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON
TOBIAS INCLUDING HIS INTERVIEW WITH TOBIAS. ALSO FURNISH THE
ADDRESS OF TOBIAS IF ~~RECEIVED~~ AVAILABLE. THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
HAS NO PRIOR RECORD OF TOBIAS. SUBMIT AMSD.

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Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS, CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND HER ATTORNEY, ARCHIBALD PALMER HAVE REVEALED THE SUBJECT TO BE IN A HYSTERICAL STATE AND HAS ACCUSED HER ATTORNEY OF NOT PREPARING A DEFENSE FOR HER. PALMER, TO MOST OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, CONTENDS THAT THE SUBJECT HAS TOLD HIM PRACTICALLY NOTHING AND THAT AS A RESULT, IT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO PREPARE A DEFENSE. PALMER HAS FURTHER OFFERED TO RESIGN HIS SERVICES IN THIS CASE. SALIANT PORTIONS OF THESE CONVERSATIONS ARE BEING QUOTED HERewith AND A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT FOLLOWS BY MAIL. AT NINE FIVE PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL NINETEEN, ARCHIBALD PALMER TOLD BERTRAM COPLON THAT IF THE SUBJECT WANTED ANOTHER LAWYER, HE WOULD RESIGN. BERTRAM TO THIS MERELY TOLD PALMER THAT HE WOULD CALL HIM BACK. FIVE MINUTES LATER, AT NINE TEN PM BERTRAM COPLON WAS AGAIN IN TOUCH WITH PALMER AND STATED THAT HIS SISTER, JUDITH, WAS COMPLETELY HYSTERICAL, INCOHERENT AND THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN HER IN A STATE LIKE THIS. TO PALMER'S QUESTION OF WHY JUDITH WAS HYSTERICAL, BERTRAM STATED THAT THE

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SUBJECT HAD STATED THAT PALMER WAS GOING TO TRIAL MONDAY COMPLETELY UNPREPARED. PALMER REPLIED THAT THE CASE IS PREPARED AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK TO THIS CASE AND FELT THAT HE COULD DO NOTHING MORE THAN THAT. PALMER ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT THE PROSECUTION WOULD DO, THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE WITNESSES TOOK THE STAND. BERTRAM THEN STATED THAT HIS SISTER IS A VERY NERVOUS TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL AND THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THE REASON PALMER HAS HAD HER COME TO HIS OFFICE EACH DAY WAS TO KEEP HER CALM. BERTRAM SAID THAT HIS SISTER LIES IN BED AWAKE EVERY NIGHT AND THE TENSION GROWS WORSE AND WORSE ON HER. AT THIS POINT, PALMER TOLD BERTRAM COPLON THAT WHEN JUDITH COMES TO HIS OFFICE, SHE WILL NOT TALK TO HIM AND ADDED THAT BERTRAM KNOWS THE REASON FOR THIS. PALMER CONTINUED THAT SHE WONT EVEN TALK TO HIM, SHE WON-T EVEN WHISPER, THAT IN HIS OFFICE SHE WRITES EVERYTHING. PALMER STATED THAT WHEN THEY LEAVE THE OFFICE AND GO OUT ON THE STREET, SHE DOES NOT EVEN WANT TO TALK THEN AND FURTHER THAT HE HAS HAD HER TO HIS DAUGHTER-S HOUSE AND FROM PLACE TO PLACE ON THE STREET AND SHE STILL REFUSES TO TALK TO HIM. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT PALMER WAS VERY DISTURBED AND ANNOYED AT THESE ACTIONS OF THE SUBJECT AND MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL HIS ANNOYANCE FROM BERTRAM COPLON. PALMER THEN STATED THAT HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO USE MRS. SAMUEL COPLON, THE SUBJECT-S MOTHER AS A WITNESS, FEELING THAT SHE WOULD NOT MAKE A GOOD ONE.

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REGARDING THE SUBJECT-S FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE
SUBPOENAED, PALMER STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND TALK TO
THEM AND DETERMINE IF THEY ARE WILLING TESTIFY. PALMER TOLD BERTRAM
THAT HE HAD ADVISED JUDITH THAT THEY COULD DO THIS AFTER THEIR
ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. TO BERTRAM-S QUESTION ASKING IF THAT WOULD
NOT BE TOO LATE, PALMER SAID IT WOULD NOT AND THAT THESE INTERVIEWS
COULD BE CONDUCTED AFTER FOUR THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOONS WHEN COURT
HAD ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY. BERTRAM THEN TOLD PALMER THAT HIS SISTER
WAS VIOLENTLY HYSTERICAL AND PALMER REPLIED THAT HE HAD THOUGHT
THAT THE OTHER NIGHT. PALMER THEN INSISTED THAT HE COULD NOT SEE
JUDITH MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. WHEN AT THIS POINT BERTRAM STA-
TED THAT JUDITH HAS A LOT AT STAKE, PALMER VERY EMPHATICALLY ADVISED
BERTRAM THAT HE, TOO, HAD A LOT AT STAKE. WHEN BERTRAM TOLD PALMER
THAT IT IS SUBJECT-S FEELING THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE FROM THE
BEGINNING, PALMER BECAME QUITE EXCITED AND INSISTED ON TALKING TO
JUDITH. BERTRAM SAID THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, THAT JUDITH WAS IN
MUCH TOO AN HYSTERICAL CONDITION TO TALK. PALMER THEN AGREED TO
CALL BACK. DURING THE GREATER PORTION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CONVER-
SATION BETWEEN ARCHIBALD PALMER AND BERTRAM COPLON, THE SUBJECT,
JUDITH COPLON, WAS IN AN HYSTERICAL CONDITION AND CONTINUED ALTER-
NATELY CRYING AND SCREAMING. AT TEN TWENTY PM, ON APRIL NINETEENTH,
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PALMER WAS AGAIN IN TOUCH WITH BERTRAM AND JUDITH COPLON. BERTRAM
STATED THAT JUDITH WAS A LOT CALMER AT THIS TIME AND ADDED THAT THIS
CASE MEANS SO MUCH TO HIS SISTER THAT SHE UNDOUBTEDLY EXPECTS PALMER
TO SIT AND HOLD HER HAND AND BERTRAM ADDED THAT HE HAD TOLD
JUDITH THAT AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, HE THOUGHT PALMER HAD DONE
ALL HE COULD AND WAS NOT GOING INTO COURT OF LAW WITHOUT KNOWING
WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. AT THIS POINT, PALMER AGAIN STATED HIS AN-
NOYANCE AT HAVING TO GO OUT ON STREET CORNERS AND AROUND BLOCKS FOR
THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING HIS CASE AND ADDED THAT JUDITH WILL NOT
TALK TO HIM IN HIS OFFICE. TO BERTRAM-S QUESTION OF WHETHER PALMER-S
OFFICE WAS TAPPED, PALMER EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT IT WAS NOT. BER-
TRAM THEN STATED THAT HIS SISTER-S FEELING OF SUCH A CONDITION
WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS WHY SHE WOULD NOT TALK TO HIM IN
HIS OFFICE. AT THIS POINT, JUDITH COPLON ENTERED INTO THE CONVER-
SATION WITH PALMER AND PALMER TOLD HER THAT LATELY SHE HAD BEEN TALKING
OF MOTIONS OF SOME SORT AND HE ACCUSED HER OF TALKING TO SOME
"SILLY LAWYER". JUDITH COPLON DENIED THIS. PALMER ONCE MORE STATED
THAT THE ANSWERS TO MOST OF THE DIFFICULTIES AT THE PRESENT TIME
WAS THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PREPARE THIS CASE IN HIS OFFICE. THE
SUBJECT ANSWERED TO THIS THAT SHE HAD NOT TOLD PALMER ANYTHING THAT
HE COULD NOT TELL ANYONE IN HIS OFFICE. PALMER CONTINUED THAT

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HE HAD PREPARED HIS CASE IN HIS OWN WAY AND THAT IF PEOPLE DID NOT LIKE THIS METHOD, THEY WOULD BE "SILLY TO STICK WITH ME". PALMER, AT THIS POINT, TOLD JUDITH COPLON THAT ONE OF THE REASONS HE HAD HER COME TO HIS OFFICE EACH DAY WAS IN ORDER FOR HER TO BECOME ACCLIMATED TO LEGAL ATMOSPHERE. COPLON EXCLAIMED WITH DISGUST AT THIS AND STATED THAT ALL SHE DID WAS LISTEN TO PALMER CROSS EXAMINE PEOPLE. PALMER ASKED HER IF SHE KNEW WHAT CROSS EXAMINING WAS. COPLON SAID THAT SHE DID AND THAT QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AND SHE ANSWERED THEM. PALMER ADDED "WELL, IF YOU KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE STORY" AT WHICH POINT COPLON INTERRUPTED HIM AND SAID "SO YOU ANSWER TRUTHFULLY". PALMER THEN ADDED "THEN YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO ANSWER". AT THIS COPLON SAID "WELL, WHO SAYS I AM GOING TO TESTIFY". AFTER A LONG SILENCE, PALMER MERELY EXCLAIMED "WHAT", AT WHICH POINT COPLON WANTED TO KNOW WHO SAID SHE WAS GOING TO BE CROSS EXAMINED. TO THIS, PALMER SAID THERE WAS NO USE OF COPLON TO GO AT ALL. COPLON THEN MADE AN UNINTELLIGIBLE REMARK TO WHICH PALMER SARCASTICALLY SAID "SAME OLD GAG AGAIN", AT WHICH TIME COPLON CHANGED THE SUBJECT. PALMER THEN TOLD HER HOW SILLY IT WOULD BE FOR HIM TO APPEAR IN COURT IN WASHINGTON AND ASK FOR AN ADJOURNMENT, EXPLAINING TO HER THAT THIS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT CASE IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT THE CONNECTION OF GUBITCHEV WITH THE CASE

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NECESSITATED A QUICK TRIAL IN WASHINGTON, INASMUCH AS GUBITCHEV WAS STILL IN JAIL IN NY. COPLON SAID THAT SHE THOUGHT THEY WERE BEING RUSHED INTO COURT AND SAID THAT SHE THOUGHT HER RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED BECAUSE SHE HAD TO GO TO TRIAL SO SOON AND ALSO IN CONNECTION WITH HER ARREST AND ARRAIGNMENT. HE ASKED HER TO BE SPECIFIC BUT SHE MERELY STATED THAT SHE HAD A FEELING THAT HER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED TO WHICH PALMER COUNTERED WITH A REQUEST THAT SHE BE SPECIFIC. COPLON STATED THAT HER BAIL WAS EXCESSIVE. PALMER SAID THAT IT WAS NOT, INASMUCH AS SHE HAD MADE IT. COPLON WANTED TO KNOW IF HER BAIL HAD BEEN SET AT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND SHE MADE IT, WOULD IT STILL NOT BE EXCESSIVE BAIL. PALMER THEN CITED A CURRENT INSTANCE OF A DEFENDANT IN A NY WIRE TAPPING CASE, WHO WAS MARRIED, HAD TWO CHILDREN AND WAS BEING HELD FOR A "CRIME THAT WAS NOT EVEN ON THE BOOKS". PALMER STATED THAT THE BAIL WAS SET AT THIRTYTWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THAT WAS NOT EXCESSIVE AND THAT COPLON-S CASE WAS A FAR MORE IMPORTANT CASE. PALMER ADVISED JUDITH THAT HE WOULD EXPLAIN TO THE COURT THAT HER FATHER HAD RECENTLY DIED, BUT INDICATED TO HER THAT HE HELD OUT NO HOPE FOR THIS BEING CAUSE FOR A FURTHER ADJOURNMENT. PALMER AND COPLON THEN ENTERED INTO A JOCLAR DISCUSSION

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ABOUT COPLON-S BEING IN LOVE WITH HIM AND SAID THAT MAYBE IT HAPPENED
"THAT NIGHT IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS". PALMER THEN WANTED TO KNOW IF
SHE WALKED AROUND "THAT NEIGHBORHOOD", BUT COPLON SAID SHE HAD
NOT. FROM THE CONVERSATION IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BOTH COPLON AND PALMER
HAD MADE A SURVEY OF THE VICINITY OF ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY THIRD
ST. AND BROADWAY DURING THE EVENING HOURS. JUDITH FURTHER ADVISED
PALMER THAT THE RIBBON ON HER TYPEWRITER WAS BROKEN AND THAT SHE COULD
NO LONGER TYPE BUT THAT DURING THE DAY SHE HAD DONE OTHER THINGS,
WHICH SHE REFERRED TO AS JUST IMPORTANT. SHE THEN TOLD PALMER
THAT SHE HAS SOMETHING ON HER MIND WHICH SHE SAID SHE HAS TOLD
PALMER AND THAT SHE FEELS IT MAY COME UP "IN A CASE OF THIS KIND".
SHE SAID SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS, THINGS WHICH SHE DARE
NOT TELL HIM BUT THAT THERE WAS ONE THING SHE WAS PARTICULARLY WORRIED
ABOUT AND SAID "IT-S THERE, IT-S NECESSARY AND IT-S NEEDED" AND ADDED
THAT SHE HAS BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCH ON IT. PALMER SAID THAT HE HAD
CALLED SIXTEEN HOTELS IN WASHINGTON AND HAD FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO GET
ACCOMODATIONS FOR THEM AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. COPLON STATED THAT
IT HAD A VERY BAD REPUTATION ALONG WITH THE ANNAPOLIS, WHICH WAS SIMILA
TO THE DIXIE HOTEL IN NYC. SHE WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS NOT TO STAY
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IN THIS HOTEL ANY LONGER THAN NECESSARY. AT EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN THIS MORNING, MRS. SAMUEL COPLON, THE SUBJECT-S MOTHER WAS IN CONTACT WITH ARCHIBALD PALMER AND AGAIN STATED THAT HER DAUGHTER FELT THAT THIS CASE HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY PREPARED AND THAT PALMER HAD NOT GIVEN HER SUFFICIENT TIME. THIS CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, CONTAINED NOTHING FURTHER THAN THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BERTRAM COPLON AND ARCHIBALD PALMER ON THE PREVIOUS DATE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 12, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 11, 1949 which advised that a Miss JEAN BRANCHE, 20 Chesapeake Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., telephonically communicated with the Bureau on March 7, 1949 at which time she stated she had reason to believe that JUDITH COPLON had been associated with employees of the Picker X-Ray Corporation, New York City and that this corporation employed many persons from City College in New York who leaned "much too far to the left".

Miss JEAN BRANCHE was interviewed in her office at the main Navy building, room Q244, and advised that she did not know JUDITH COPLON and did not meet her at any time. Miss BRANCHE stated that she, herself, was formerly employed by the NEW YORK TIMES and later by the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, New York City, subsequent to which, she did clerical work for the above X-Ray Corporation in New York City. She stated that while there, she came in contact with "pseudo-liberals who continually read, 'PM', THE DAILY WORKER, etc."

When questioned closely, Miss BRANCHE stated that to her knowledge, no individual at the Picker X-Ray Corporation was acquainted with Miss COPLON. She stated that she had no reason to believe that Miss COPLON associated with the employees in the office of that Corporation and said that her only reason in phoning the FBI was to state that individuals at the Picker X-Ray Corporation would be the type who would associate with a person like Miss COPLON and that therefore it was her opinion that if the FBI looked into the employees of this Corporation, backgrounds, they might uncover persons of Miss COPLON's type.

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TO : Director, FBI ATTENTION: MR. H. B. FLETCHER DATE: APRIL 12, 1949
 FROM : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: JUDITH ^OCOPLON
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Pursuant to your telephone request of April 8, 1949, there are being enclosed two sets of photographs identified as follows:

1. 4 photographs and negatives of vicinity of 168th Street and Broadway in connection with the surveillance of February 18, 1949. These are lettered A through D and the legend requires they be observed in that order.
2. 7 photographs and negatives showing various points of the surveillance of March 4, 1949 from Ninth Avenue and 42nd Street to Eighth Avenue and 14th Street. These are lettered A through G and should be so observed to conform with the legend on each.

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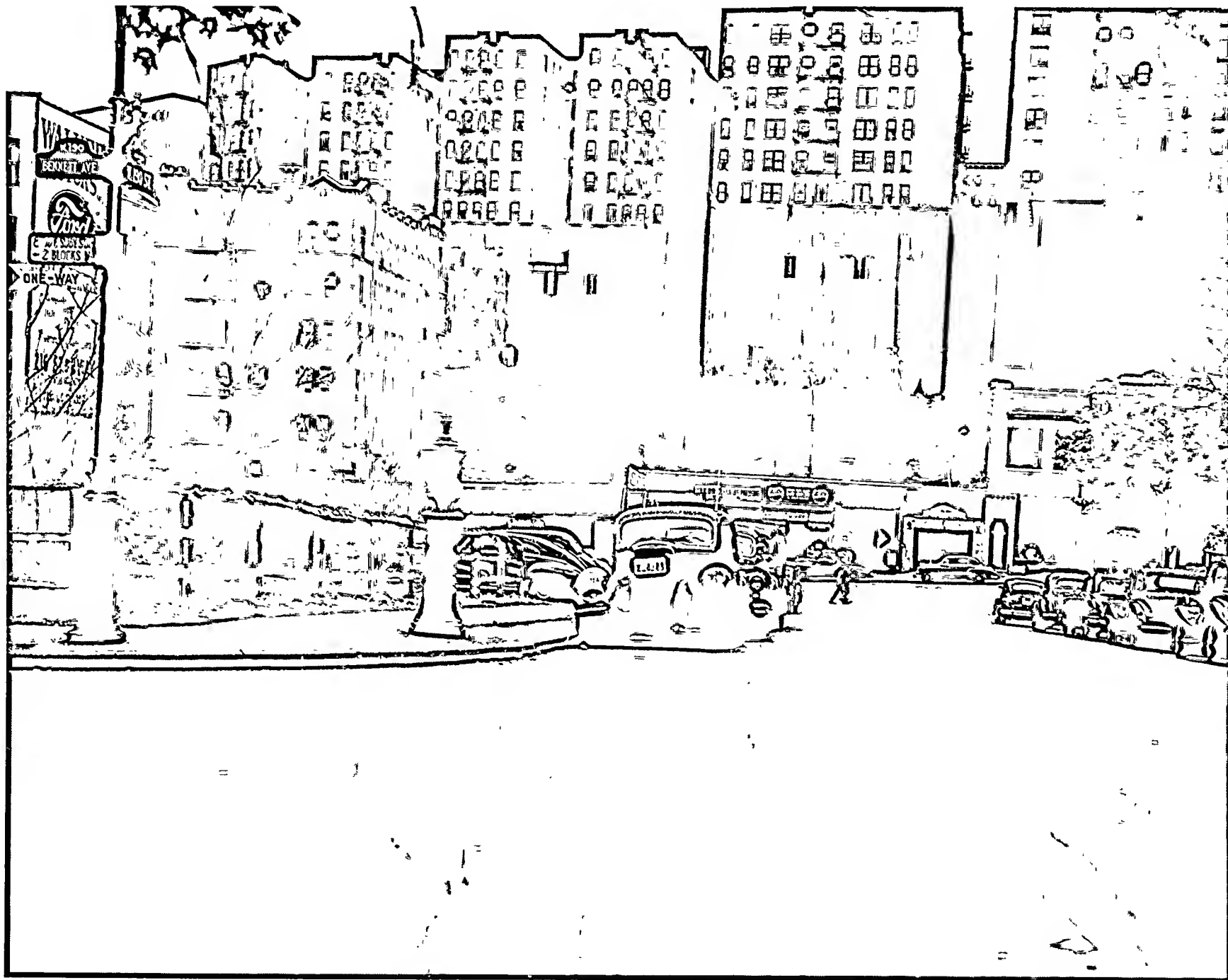
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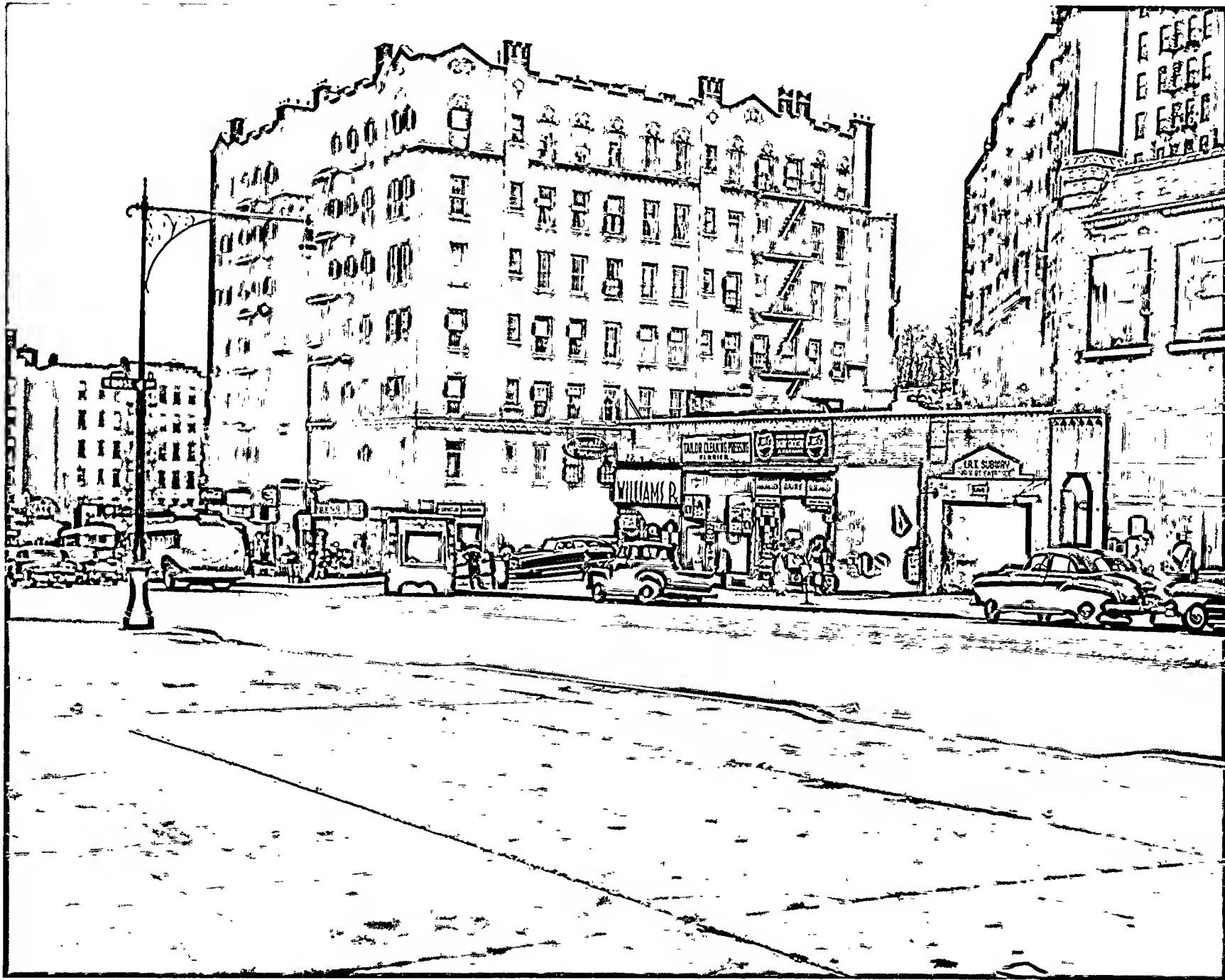


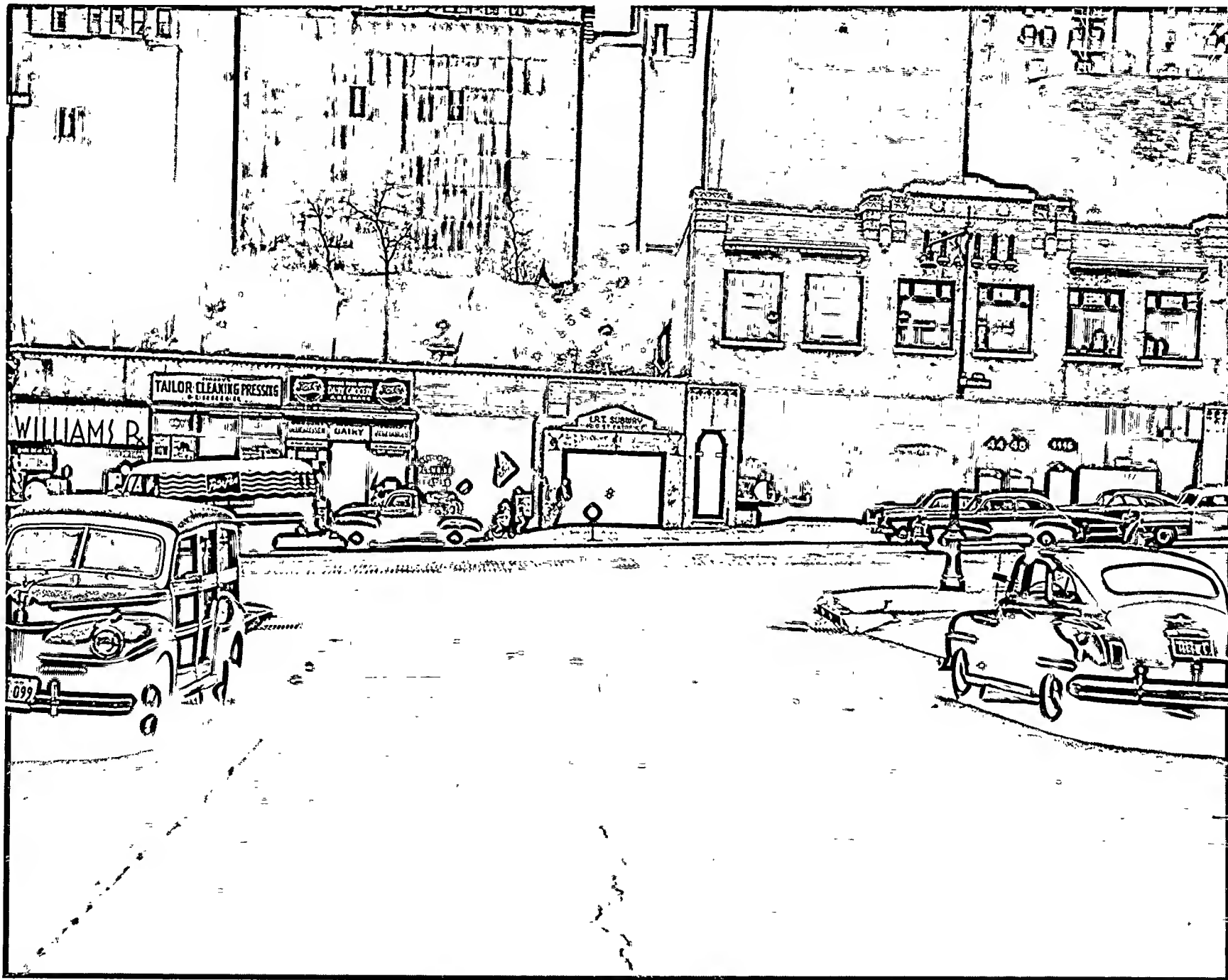
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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 10, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 6:30 p.m., March 9, 1949, I met with Mr. William Foley of the Department, who had called over, and he furnished to me a copy of a memorandum outlining the various chiefs of the Foreign Agents Registration Section. He stated this memorandum was prepared at the request of Coplon and her interest in the information was unknown. Mr. Foley stated that the records of the Department had been checked and it had been ascertained that Robert Wohlforth, at the same time he had recommended Coplon, had recommended the following:

~~WALFISH, BEATRICE K.~~
~~MARSHALL, MARY~~
~~ARONOW, SHIRLEY~~
~~BECKER, SARAH~~

~~WEHWELN, DOROTHEA~~
~~FRIEMUS, ELSIE R.~~
~~HEBARD, IRENE~~

Mr. Foley gave no reason for furnishing these names, but it was believed that the Department was concerned not only about Robert Wohlforth, but was concerned about all those he had sponsored.

Mr. Foley also furnished a penny correspondence card which had been postmarked at Newark, New Jersey, March 6, 1949, addressed to Judith Coplon from E. Wiener, Orange, New Jersey. This is typewritten and a photographic copy has been made and the card has been returned to Mr. Foley.

ACTION:

It is recommended that all of the above-named, unless they are presently in the Government service, be interviewed. If they are in the Government service, their activities should be determined to be certain that espionage is not being carried on by them, and in any event a Loyalty case should be opened.

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Miss Judith Coplon, Foreign Agents Registration
Section, Criminal Division
Nathan H. Franke, Administrative Officer
Criminal Division

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CHIEFS of the Foreign Agents Registration Section

NAME	FROM	TO	TITLE
1. ELLIFF , Nathan T.	Dec. 29, 1945	April 4, 1947	Chief
2. BOOKSTAV , David R.	Jan. 28, 1947	March 31, 1947	Acting Chief in absence of Elliff
3. ANDERSON , Donald B.	Apr. 7, 1947	June 29, 1947	Acting Chief
4. WHEARTY , Raymond P.	June 30, 1947	Oct. 5, 1947	Acting Chief
"	Oct. 6, 1947	Dec. 1, 1947	Chief
5. FOLEY , William E.	Dec. 9, 1947	April 27, 1948	Acting Chief
"	April 28, 1948	Present	Chief.

CC: Mr. Foley
✓ Mr. Franke

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TO : H. B. Fletcher *#87*

DATE: April 29, 1949

FROM : L. WHITSON *LW 892*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In connection with the opening statement made by Archibald Palmer, the defense attorney for Judith Coplon at the trial yesterday, he stated that Coplon met Gubitchev on Christmas Day or around Christmas in Ft. Tryon Park and gave him a necktie for a Christmas present.

Information available from [] reflects that on December 20, 1948, Mrs. Gubitchev told Dr. Robert Soble that she had received a telegram from the hospital and that her husband had already undergone the operation. Dr. Robert Soble said he already knew this. The remainder of the conversation dealt with the seriousness of the results of the operation and about what diet Gubitchev should have. It appeared from information available through this source that possibly Gubitchev's doctor was Dr. Lawrence Loewinshaw, 114 East 78th Street, New York City. Dr. Robert Soble, of course, is the brother of Jack Soble, a subject in the Mocase. From the above, it would appear that Gubitchev underwent an operation on December 20, 1948, and was probably in a fairly serious condition. It would appear doubtful that he would have been able to meet Judith Coplon on Christmas Day.

When Gubitchev was arrested on March 4, 1949, his diary contained the name of Robert Soble, Circle Medical Group, 41 West 72nd Street, New York. In addition he had in his possession one hospital service identification card from the Associated Hospital Service of New York City. He also had an identification card in his name from the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you telephonically furnish the above information to Mr. Belmont, ASAC at the New York Office, and request him to check with the Associated Hospital Service of New York and if necessary through Dr. Lawrence Loewinshaw and other sources in an effort to determine the hospital in which Gubitchev underwent the operation and the length of time that he was confined to this hospital. Depending upon the reliability of Dr. Loewinshaw as determined by the New York Office consideration should be given to interviewing him.

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At 4:20 p.m. today, I advised ASAC Belmont, New York, to endeavor to ascertain the dates of the hospitalization of Gubitchev by initiating the inquiry through the Associated Hospital Service of New York. I told him not to interview the doctor until further advised.

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VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ETAL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 14, 1949

ReNYtel, 4/12/49 to Bureau and Washington Field. In connection with the referenced teletype concerning ELIZABETH DIJOUR, an employee of the Office of War Information, certain investigation was conducted by this office and the results thereof are as follows:

Immigration and Naturalization Service:

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service contain an Alien Registration file number 7-579914 concerning DIJOUR. In this file there is an application for Immigration visa (quota) dated October 21, 1940 at Lyon, France. In this application DIJOUR said she had resided at Paris, France for five years prior to coming to Lyon, France, Clermont, France and Ferrand. She stated she resided in the latter three towns during June to October, 1940. In this application she stated her mother was MARIA ASHKENASI DIJOUR of 2422 University Avenue, Bronx, New York. She listed her father as EMMANUEL DIJOUR deceased 1917. An uncle LEON POLAK, 76 Rue Spontini, Paris was also listed.

This application indicated she departed from the Port of Lisbon, Portugal on the Steamship CARVALHO ARAUJO. Birth, police and medical certificates were attached to this application and it appears therefrom that she entered France as a child in 1914. She also possessed French passport 53221 issued August 7, 1936, and which was good until June 21, 1941. DIJOUR's address on this application was 3 Rue Stella, Lyon, France. On an Alien Registration form dated October 21, 1941, DIJOUR listed her citizenship as French by naturalization since 1932; date of arrival in the United States for the first time as 1930 for an 18 months visit as a student. She indicated her then present occupation as radio news interpreter and her usual occupation as anthropologist.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service file indicates she arrived in the United States on January 8, 1941 at New York, New York on the SS CARVALHO ARAUJO and that on September 26, 1941, she filed a declaration of intention, number 502378, in the District Court for the Southern District of New York. Photographs of DIJOUR as she appeared in 1940, 1941, and 1945, are contained in INS file as well as fingerprints. The only handwriting specimens available in this file are signatures which she affixed to documents.

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

In an application for re-entry permit, number 1364603, dated April 13, 1945; DIJOUR indicated her address as 50 East 56th Street, New York, N.Y. for one year and seven months at the time of the application. She said her temporary address abroad would be 8 rue de la Grande Chaumiere, Paris, 16, France. She

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listed her nearest relative as an aunt by the name of NADEJDA ~~NEWMAN~~. She stated the proposed trip was for five months to visit England, Portugal, Spain and France in order to settle financial affairs and estates resulting from the death of her mother and grandmother. Also to find out about the whereabouts of part of her family.

The INS file indicated that DIJOUR left the United States at Boston, Massachusetts, on July 3, 1945, aboard the SS Mariposa and there is no indication that DIJOUR has re-entered the United States. Further the INS file does not contain any declaration of intention on DIJOUR's part to remain outside of the country in excess of the five months trip which she proposed in her application for re-entry permit. It is possible DIJOUR has re-entered the United States and the information is not available in the Washington INS file.

However, the employees of the Immigration and Naturalization Service have pointed out that usually when an individual decides to stay in excess of a proposed trip and intends to come back to the United States, they will file a declaration of intention to extend their time, or write a letter indicating when they expect to return.

It is also to be noted that on the SS MARIPOSA which left July 3, 1945, from Boston, Massachusetts two individuals were listed as departing, namely: JACQUES MIGUEL CHASSIN ~~DU GUERNEY~~, AER number 7607882, and MARY JOAN JEWELL CHASSIN ~~DU GUERNEY~~, AER number 7608532.

Information contained in the Civil Service investigation enclosed with this letter shows that DIJOUR lived with a Mrs. DU GUERNEY at 247 East 50th Street. Further that this Mrs. DU GUERNEY is an Englishwoman, married to a Frenchman, and it was believed her mother and son also lived at 247 East 50th Street. The file indicated further that Mrs. DU GUERNEY's mother was going back to England because she did not like it here.

The records of INS also revealed a petition of naturalization, number 359682, dated May 1, 1947, for MARIA HARDELL of 2434 Tiebout Avenue, Bronx, New York. In this petition MARIA HARDELL stated she was born at Kiev, Russia, September 20, 1889. She gave as her race Hebrew. She indicated she married RAYMOND ~~HARDELL~~ September 23, 1927 at Berlin, Germany and that HARDELL was from Minneapolis, Minnesota, having been born December 26, 1889. MARIA HARDELL stated in the petition she had one child, ELIZABETH, born in Russia, residing in France and who was the issue of her first husband EMMANUEL SACHAROWITCH who divorced her in Moscow, December 3, 1921. (It is to be noted that DIJOUR said in her application for Immigration visa that her father was deceased in 1917.)

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MARIA HARDELL said that she had immigrated to the United States from Havre, France, on November 25, 1938 on the SS Manhattan. An affidavit of witness to this petition was executed by FANNIE LEWINSOHN of 24 Fifth Avenue, New York City and by MARIA's husband. MARIA HARDELL was described as 5'4" tall, weighing 160 lbs., blue eyes, brown-gray hair. She was naturalized on January 20, 1941, number 4958324.

Office of War Information Personnel File:

DIJOUR's personnel file contains an application form wherein she spells her name ELISABETH. In this file ~~DIJOUR~~ lists her education as follows:

High School, Caroline Von Humbolt Schule, Berlin, Germany - 2 years.
Graduated.

University of Paris, - 1926- 1930.

Columbia University, New York City - 1930 to 1931.

A.M. degree, May of 1931.

Major subject - anthropology

Other college subjects in which over ten semester hours were taken:
sociology, psychology, economics, philosophy, languages, and linguistics.

Other educational honors and scholarships were as follows:

Ecole du Louvre, Paris, France

London School of Economics

Fellowship of the Committee on Research on American Indian languages

Columbia University fellowship

Scientific Expedition by Paris University

DIJOUR in the application indicated excellent reading, speaking and auditory comprehension of the following languages: French, German, Russian and Spanish. She indicated she could read good, speak fair and had good auditory comprehension of Portuguese, Italian, Serbo-Croat and Bulgarian. She indicated a knowledge of office machines, typewriter, ediphone, short and medium wave receivers.

She listed her employment as follows:

1928-32 Attache, Museum D'Ethnographie Palais du Trocadero, Paris, France where she did administration and organization of the American Department. She left this position for South America.

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1933 to 1934 employed as an assistant curator, Museum des Colonies Port Dorce, Paris where she did administrative organization of exhibits.

1934 to February 1936 reporter for LaFleche de Paris, a weekly newspaper for which she did reporting in France and abroad and worked under GASTON BERGERY, the political director. She indicated she left because of a political disagreement.

April, 1936 to October, 1939, Monitor employed by Ministere de P.T.T. 103 rue de la Grenelle, Paris, at which time she monitored foreign broadcasts, did news analysis and listening. She was given a personnel discharge.

November, 1939 to December, 1940, foreign news editor for ~~AGENCE~~ FOURNIER, 2 rue de la Bourse, where she did monitoring and broadcasting, editing of foreign news, under ~~EDOUARD de VORNEY~~, Director. Her reason for leaving was "left France".

July, 1941 to time of application (was not dated) foreign news reporter, Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, employed under JOHN W. ~~BERBER~~, Director of the listening station.

DIJOUR listed character references in this application which are the same as those in the personal history statement enclosed with this letter.

The OWI file reflected that she was appointed an assistant script editor on January 4, 1943, CAF-7, \$2600 per annum, at the OWI Overseas Branch Eastern Press and Radio Broadcast Control, New York City. On June 11, 1943, she was promoted to Assistant script editor, CAF-9, \$3200 per annum; September 25, 1943 to Control Editor; February 16, 1944, to Control Editor, CAF-11 - \$3800 per annum. October 16, 1944, Regional Control Editor, CAF-12 \$4600 per annum, and in this position was also in charge of the Balkan Control Unit. She was separated on June 30, 1945, because of reduction in force. She was paid through six hours on August 9, 1945, for annual leave.

This OWI personnel file does not contain any handwriting of DIJOUR with the exception of her signature on the application form.

New York Office is requested to conduct investigation to ascertain whether or not RAYMOND H. ~~HARDELL~~, DIJOUR's stepfather has ever been active in the Communist movement and if not, determine his present whereabouts and consider interviewing him for the purpose of ascertaining the present whereabouts of DIJOUR and any information he may have concerning her which is pertinent to instant matter.

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HARDELL should be asked for the date of the death of MARIA HARDELL as indicated in DIJOUR's application for re-entry permit where she said her trip abroad was partly due to the death of her mother. In this connection FANNIE LEWINSOHN who was a witness to MARIA HARDELL's naturalization petition may also be able to furnish information concerning MARIA HARDELL's death and DIJOUR.

Inasmuch as the extent of the New York investigation concerning DIJOUR is not known additional leads based on the Civil Service investigation enclosed herewith have not been set forth but the leads are being left to the discretion of the New York Office.

Enclosures to the Bureau:

Photostatic copy of U.S. Civil Service investigation of ELIZABETH DIJOUR, dated December 30, 1943.

Personal History statement of ELIZABETH DIJOUR.

Photograph of ELIZABETH DIJOUR

Photograph of signature of ELIZABETH DIJOUR.

Enclosures to New York:

Photostatic copy of U.S. Civil Service investigation of ELIZABETH DIJOUR, dated December 30, 1943.

Personal history statement of ELIZABETH DIJOUR.

Photograph of ELIZABETH DIJOUR

Photograph of MARIA HARDELL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: April 22, 1949

FROM : L. WHITSON

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Rosen	✓
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On April 21, 1949, at 3:45 p.m., Mr. Raymond P. Whearty and Mr. John Kelley of the Department advised Special Agent R. J. Lamphere that they had received a telephone call jointly from Mr. Archibald Palmer, the attorney for Judith Coplon, on the previous evening. Palmer indicated he would be ready to go to trial on the morning of April 25, 1949.

Palmer wanted certain material from the Government: -

1. He desired a list of the Grand Jurors who indicted Coplon in Washington, D. C. Included on this list he wanted the employment of each Juror. Mr. John Kelley stated he believed after receiving this list Palmer will argue to the Court in accord with the dissent by Judge Edgerton in the Court of Appeals in the Gerhart Eisler case that Jurors who are Government employees should not be allowed to sit in cases of this kind. Mr. Kelley believes that this argument will be more for the purpose of building the record than anything else.
2. Mr. Palmer wanted the list of subversive organizations cited by the Attorney General. This will be given to him. Mr. Kelley believes that Palmer will attempt to argue that the write-ups by Coplon on these recommending their inclusion on the list would show that she is not a Communist. Mr. Whearty gave to Special Agent Lamphere a list of organizations which Coplon had worked on. One copy of this list is attached. Mr. Whearty noted in furnishing this list that it was being given to the Bureau on an unofficial basis, inasmuch as it reflects inter-departmental action.
3. Palmer also desired information from Mr. Kelley as to the procedure to be followed in Washington, D. C. in objecting to the use of Government exhibits. Mr. Kelley informed him that if he meant a motion to quash he should bear in mind the necessity for making such an objection from the standpoint of timeliness. Mr. Kelley thinks that some argument will be made by Palmer as to the illegality of the Government's seizure of the documents found in Coplon's possession.

RECOMMENDATION: This is for your information.

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GLOS LUDOWY -- Newspaper recommended for inclusion if newspapers are to be put on list; not included.

CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION OF AMERICA -- Recommended against inclusion; not included.

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

NAPODNI GLASNIK -- Recommended for inclusion if newspapers are to be included; not included.

UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH-SLAVIC AMERICANS -- Recommended for inclusion twice; included in second list.

BULGARIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES -- Recommended against inclusion; not included.

TRANSYLVANIA SOCIETY -- Recommended against inclusion; not included.

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL -- Recommends against inclusion; not included.

AMERICAN SERBIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS -- Recommends against inclusion; not included.

AMERICAN CROATIAN CONGRESS -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICANS OF CROATIAN DESCENT -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN WOMEN OF CROATIAN DESCENT -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

SLOVENIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH ITALY -- Recommended for inclusion; not included on basis of inadequate file information.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF, INC. -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN YUGOSLAVIA, INC. -- Twice recommended for inclusion; included in second list.

SERBIAN VIDOVDAN COUNCIL -- Recommended for second list if other Slav-Croat groups are included; included in second list.

THIRD LIST

COMITE COORDINADOR PRO REPUBLICA ESPANOLA -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

PROGRESSIVE GERMAN AMERICANS -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

AMERICAN NATIONALIST PARTY -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

AMERICAN NATIONAL LABOR PARTY -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

AMERICAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST LEAGUE -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

AMERICAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

NATIONAL FINE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

COMMITTEE FOR NATIONALIST ACTION -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

NATIONALIST ACTION LEAGUE -- Recommended for inclusion; included.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, Dallas

Article Appearing in Dallas Morning News,
Dallas, Texas, 4-26-49, Indicating
JUDITH COPLON is Former FBI Employee

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Transmitted herewith is a clipping from Page One of the Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, dated April 26, 1949, which sets forth a photograph of JUDITH COPLON and two attorneys over the caption, "Ex-FBI Employee Comes To Trial".

This matter was discussed telephonically with Inspector JOHN McGUIRE on the morning of April 26, and thereafter, in accordance with his instructions, I called Mr. HARRY C. WITHERS, Managing Editor of the Dallas Morning News. I advised Mr. WITHERS definitely that JUDITH COPLON had never been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation but had at one time been employed by the U. S. Department of Justice. I asked Mr. WITHERS if the caption had been furnished with the photograph by the Associated Press Wire Photo, which was credited in the by-line. Mr. WITHERS stated he believed it had been but that he would look into the matter and that the error was sincerely regretted.

I called Mr. HARRY STANDREPP, local Bureau Chief, Associated Press. Mr. STANDREPP, after making a check with the Wire Photo Service, advised that the caption as furnished by his headquarters referred to Miss COPLON as "Ex-Justice Department Employee" and not as an ex-FBI employee.

If any further material bearing on this incident appears in the local press, the Bureau will be advised.

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Trial of COPLON and GUBITCHEV, SDNY, set for 5/2/49. Laboratory examinations set out. COPLON gave exclusive interview to "New York Post", stating she took documents from Department but was going to use them in writing a book about life in Washington, D. C. Investigation of and interviews with COPLON'S contacts set out.

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DETAILS: AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

PROSECUTIVE ACTION TO DATE

It will be recalled that April 1, 1949 was the original trial date set in connection with the instant matter. On that date ARCHIE PAID ~~X~~ PALMER, representing COPLON, and GURITCHEV, who was not represented by counsel, appeared before Judge SIMON H. RIFKIND, Southern District of New York. At that time Judge RIFKIND set April 14, 1949, as an information hearing date at which time he wished to be advised of the status of the case against COPLON in Washington, D.C.

On April 14, 1949, the casewas adjourned until May 2, 1949.

LABORATORY EXAMINATION

By report dated March 28, 1949, the FBI Laboratory advised that the handwriting which COPLON had written when ordering breakfast on the morning of March 5, 1949, was not of sufficient quantity for comparison with unknown specimens to determine if the latter were actually written by COPLON.

The FBI Laboratory advised by report dated March 31, 1949 that specimens of JUDITH COPLON'S known writing submitted by the Washington Field Office by letter dated March 30, 1949 were sufficient to identify the handwritten note in COPLON'S purse on March 4, 1949 as being in COPLON'S handwriting.

The specimens submitted by the Washington Field Office referred to above were obtained from COPLON'S passport application dated May 5, 1948, a letter dated March 26, 1949 addressed to the FBI, Washington, D.C. and signed by JUDITH COPLON, two pages of ruled paper containing pencil writing on both sides which lists certain items of furniture, a one page hand-written letter in ink addressed to the Fairmac Corporation in Washington, D.C. and signed by JUDITH COPLON being dated March 26, 1949, and a postal card addressed in ink to the Manager of Jefferson Hall, Washington, D.C. which was dated March 15, 1949 and signed by JUDITH COPLON.

By letter dated March 24, 1949, the Washington Field Office submitted

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to the FBI Laboratory, two carbon copies of a two page typewritten "data slip", the carbon copy of which is identified as Item No. 30 in the New York report of March 8, 1949. The laboratory concluded that the two submitted specimens were made simultaneously with the carbon copy found in COPLON'S possession on March 4, 1949 and are direct carbon copies of the typewritten original "data slip" which was obtained from the Department of Justice and submitted by the Washington Field Office on March 9, 1949.

By letter dated March 29, 1949, the Bureau advised of the results of the cryptanalysis examination of the material found in COPLON'S possession on March 4, 1949 upon her arrest.

With reference to the entries in COPLON'S diary, the Cryptanalysis Section made the following comments:

The entry for January 14 reads: "UP item too selective - misleading." This perhaps refers to a United Press news item with which the subject did not agree. The other entries for January 14 are: "N.Y.C." "Olives (black)." These two entries probably refer to the New York trip COPLON made on that date to meet GUBITCHEV. "N.Y.C." obviously represents New York City and "Olives (black)" might have been entered as mnemonic device or memory tool of the meeting in the Italian restaurant where the subjects proceeded on January 14, 1949. The entries for January 16 and July 26 consist of the notations: "H. S. birthday" which probably refers to HAROLD SHAPIRO. The entry for January 24 appears to refer to "JOHNNY WALKER" Black Label Whiskey. The entry for February 18, "Get two tickets for show" may have been intended as a memory tool covering the New York meeting of COPLON and GUBITCHEV which took place on that date. On the other hand, this could have been a legitimate entry for purchasing tickets. The entry for February 24, "Announcement No. 157 (unassembled)" probably refers to Civil Service examination. The numbers on a page marked "Earnings and Withholding tax" appeared to be serial numbers of United States Savings Bonds.

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By letter dated April 11, 1949, the FBI Laboratory set out the results of its examination concerning the handwriting which appeared on six photographic copies of applications for War Savings Bonds in favor of JUDITH COPLON. The original applications had been presented to Loeser's Department Store who had issued the bonds.

The Laboratory concluded that the handwriting and handprinting which appeared on these six applications for War Savings Bonds was not identical with the known handwriting and handprinting specimens of JUDITH COPLON.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATION

SA's STEPHEN A. McGARR and JOHN R. MURPHY contacted Miss JANE SMALL of the Blue Cars Continental Limited, a travel agency, 489 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Miss SMALL made available a file on JUDITH COPLON which showed that the District of Columbia Motor Club, Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW, Washington, D. C. contacted Blue Cars on April 17, 1948 regarding COPLON and requested that Blue Cars make arrangements for a tour to be taken by COPLON from Paris to Italy and Switzerland in June of 1948. The correspondence in the file indicated that COPLON was to leave New York on May 27 or 28, 1948 on TWA flight 972. COPLON requested that a hotel reservation be made for her in Paris for the night of May 28, which was done, the reservation being at the Hotel Lutetia. COPLON indicated to the District of Columbia Motor Club that she would be staying in Paris with a friend, one BEATRICE BRANDY (undoubtedly refers to BEATRICE BRAUDE), an employee of the American Embassy in Paris.

Blue Cars made arrangements for COPLON to take a motor coach tour from Paris to Southern France; Florence, Italy; and Switzerland, leaving Paris on June 8, 1948 and extending over a two week period.

The cost of a European tour was \$246.60. However, COPLON was later given a refund of \$54.00 making the total cost \$192.60. The file indicated that COPLON picked up her ticket at Blue Cars in New York on May 25, 1948. On April 23, 1948, the District of Columbia Motor Club made a \$100.00 payment with their check to Blue Cars as a deposit.

HOWARD LYNCH, Reservation Supervisor, TWA, advised Agent MURPHY that COPLON left New York on Flight 972 TWA on May 27, 1948. The reservation was made for her by herself in Washington and paid by her there. No return booking could be located for her on TWA.

By letter dated April 4, 1949, the Albany Field Office advised that SAMUEL COPLON opened a business account in January, 1906 at the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Albany, New York. In September of 1940, this account was transferred to a partnership account of SAMUEL M. COPLON and son. The son's name was listed as BERTRAM G. COPLON. The bank had the

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business address listed as 1133 Broadway, New York City and the home address as 178 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The last activity of this account was in April, 1949.

The bank has had no business relations with the subject.

It was indicated that in the event the records of this bank are needed in court, a subpoena should be directed to LESTER W. HERZOG, Jr., cashier at above bank.

In the March 29, 1949 issue of the "New York Post and Home News," there appears an article by MARY HARRINGTON, which set out an exclusive interview by HARRINGTON with COPLON concerning the charges against her. Inasmuch as this article contains statements by COPLON relative to the case, it is felt that the entire article should be set out verbatim.

"JUDITH COPLON TELLS HER SIDE OF STORY by MARY ~~HARRINGTON~~"

"JUDITH COPLON, petite spy suspect, admitted to this newspaper today that she took secret documents from her office in the Justice Dept.

"'But I never gave them to anyone else, nor ever intended to,' the 27-year-old Barnard graduate said in an exclusive interview, first since her arrest last Mar. 4. The FBI picked her up then as she kept a rendezvous on Third Av. with Russian Engineer VALENTIN A. ~~GUBITCHEV~~, UN employe, allegedly to give him the documents.

"'I was preparing a book, a case history of a government girl, and I took the documents, just as HOPKINS and ICKES and countless officials have-- for my own use,' Miss COPLON said. 'They were not important documents, nor could they have hurt anyone.'

"The trim and attractive Miss COPLON, barely five feet tall, appeared tired and very nervous during two meetings with this reporter; one last Saturday, when she was persuaded to speak for the record, and again today after she had asked for more time 'to think things over.'

"Her big brown eyes were circled, her thin hands never still. She said that she had not cried since her arrest, that she wished she could. She

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"smiled and even laughed at the 'ridiculous' charges and said her main worry is her father, ~~SAMUEL~~ COPLON, of 129 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, who is critically ill.

"Since her release in \$20,000 bail here on conspiracy charges and in \$10,000 bail on charges brought in Washington concerning theft of Government papers, she said she has had little time to think or sleep.

"It's a nightmare," she said. She leaned forward in her chair, her face intense. 'Listen, if I were taking papers for bad reasons, I would hardly walk around with them in my pocketbook. I would have given them to someone very fast, in Washington. I certainly wouldn't have gone all the way to New York with them.

"There must be plenty of foreign agents in Washington to give documents to--if I were a lady spy," she said. 'After all, I'm not a completely stupid girl.' (She was a Barnard honor student in the class of '43, was managing editor of the Barnard Bulletin.)

"Neither she nor her attorney, ARCHIBALD PALMER, 320 Broadway, would discuss GUBITCHEV or the conspiracy charge, but Miss COPLON talked quite freely on the other charge.

"The law convicts those who WILFULLY take documents," she said. 'My lawyer has showed me BOUVIER'S law dictionary, defining "wilfully" as with evil intent or legal malice, without a justifiable excuse.'

"I had no evil intent, nor malice," she said. 'I did something that has been done hundreds of times before. But now, all of a sudden, I am pilloried. I don't know why I should be the one. I'm an unimportant nobody.'

"She said that wherever she goes people stare at her now, or turn their backs.

"I'm innocent," she said. 'Certainly, if I committed any kind of crime, a burglary or even a murder, I'd be considered innocent until I was tried.. Why do people just assume I'm guilty? I AM NOT. Why, do you know that we couldn't even get my bond raised through the regular bondsmen. They wouldn't touch me.'

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"She said that the night of her arrest, 'it was as though suddenly my whole life was torn into shreds. It was a horrendous thing.'

"It seemed as though a hundred men suddenly swarmed from under the pavement,' she said. 'They grabbed me, and somebody said: "FBI." I guess they showed me identification. I spent the night in a cell with shoplifters and prostitutes. It's a weird tangled thing.'

"The Justice Department charges GUBITCHEV and Miss COPLON first met uptown, pretended not to see each other, then pursued devious routes downtown for more than one hour in an attempt to escape detection or pursuit.

"During her first interview with the Post Home News, Miss COPLON wore the same black sweater and heather-plaid skirt she wore at her Washington arraignment. But last Sunday the Justice Dept. released to her brother, BERTRAM, the clothes from her Washington room. All her clothing had been checked for concealed objects.

"Miss COPLON said she had intended to write a book 'which would be a case history of a government girl holding a professional job in Washington.'

"I got there in 1945,' she said, 'after working since 1943 for the economic warfare section of the Justice Dept. in New York. I saw the wartime people leave, and the dull, deadening routine set in.'

"It's all sterile, vacant, vapid. It's a hard life for girls.'

"If you think you'll find a husband in Washington, you're crazy. There is no decent, healthy social life for the young people. I wanted to write something to show that there should be.'

"She added that things have gone from bad to worse in the nation's capital.

"Now, with the loyalty check on, the town is frightened to boot. It's a frustrating life for any sensitive person.'

"The Justice Dept. said it was during a routine loyalty check that Miss COPLON was discovered to have associated with 'subversive persons.'

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"In her Justice Dept. job Miss COPLON was a political analyst, researching on 'the foreign agents' registration act, 'in connection with various organizations and individuals who came within the act and were delinquent or had not registered.'

"'Last summer I took a two months' leave, to get away, and went to France and Italy,' she said. 'I was planning to give up my work and go back to journalism school, perhaps at Columbia. I had tried to get other jobs, but a government worker seems to be wanted only as such.

"'Now look what's happened. RAYMOND WHEARTY (special assistant to the Attorney General) will be prosecuting me in Washington. He was my chief and we were friendly. It's going to be a funny trial, because we all know each other so well.'

"The New York conspiracy charge cited three overt acts allegedly committed by Miss COPLON and GUBITCHEV as they 'unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together...to defraud the U. S. by impairing, impeding, obstructing and hindering the lawful functions of the Dept. of Justice and the FBI, and (did defraud the Justice Dept.) of its right to the honest, conscientious and faithful services of the defendant, JUDITH COPLON.'

"The Washington indictment said Miss COPLON, from about December 10, 1948 until March 4, 1949, 'did wilfully and unlawfully conceal and remove certain of such records, documents and papers...certain extracts of reports of the FBI...containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the U. S. '

"Miss COPLON--if convicted--faces \$10,000 fines and five-year prison sentences on both charges.

"'No, I am not losing sleep over this,' Miss COPLON said. 'What can you do? It's not being brove. It's there. Tears won't help. My friends are afraid to call me, or see me, or even write, and my family had to have the phone number changed, because of cranks.'

"'I know that in the years ahead, when all this is over, people will still turn their backs sometimes, and there will be jobs I can't get. But what can I do? Time will end it.'

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"Miss COPLON made no statement about loyalty to her country. She said she was sure she had signed some kind of loyalty pledge in her Washington work.

"I wouldn't know what to say, now," she said.

"And when she was asked the final question: 'Would you betray your country,' she smiled.

"The answer to that is obvious, isn't it?" she said. "Of course I'm loyal."

A dark type bulletin in the second column of the article stated that ARCHIBALD PALMER, Jr., COPLON'S lawyer, announced that SAMUEL COPLON died early on the instant date.

Upon the authority of Special Assistant to the Attorney General, THOMAS J. DONEGAN, the following articles which were contained in COPLON'S purse at the time of her arrest were turned over to RALPH J. PALMER, the son of ARCHIBALD PALMER, the latter being COPLON'S attorney:

- 1 pair of light blue framed glasses, on the case of which is the address of the Manhattan Optical Company, 191 Canal Street, New York City.
- 1 optical cloth, on which is written Manhattan Optical Company, 191 Canal Street, New York City.
- 1 box of face powder, on the case of which is written Ponds Angel Face.
- 1 Irresistible Lipstick, shade Pink Orchid.
- 1 book of stamps containing five 3 cent stamps.
- 1 book of stamps containing 24 one cent stamps.
- 1 black perfume atomizer, with case.
- 1 book of matches.
- 1 black (Lido) comb.
- 1 2 X 3 mirror.
- 1 emery board.
- 3 used Kleenex tissues
- 1 empty Kleenex tissues pocket pack.
- 1 safety pin.
- 2 bobby pins.
- 1 piece of elastic.

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RALPH PALMER signed both the original and the copy of the receipt setting forth above-mentioned articles and SA ROBERT J. WIRTH and the writer witnessed such signature. The copy of the receipt was given to Mr. PALMER and the original is being maintained as an exhibit of this case.

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CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES

[redacted]
aka [redacted] nee [redacted]
[redacted]

SA PIERRE H. LEVOC obtained the following information from the Placement Service Records at Barnard College, relative to the above woman, who was a classmate of JUDITH COPLON at Barnard and continued her acquaintance with COPLON in Washington, D.C.:

[redacted] was born on [redacted] in New York City. She attended Hunter College High School, graduating in January, 1939. She entered Barnard College in October, 1939, and graduated in June, 1943, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, having majored in psychology. Her grades were above average.

Her father was [redacted] born in New York City, a practicing lawyer who attended the College of the City of New York and New York University Law School. Her mother is [redacted] born in New York City, who attended New York University Law School and was said to be a former lawyer in October, 1939, at the time of [redacted] entrance to Barnard College. The family address at that time was [redacted] New York City, and [redacted] has two sisters whose ages were twenty and ten and a half years in October, 1939. In March, 1940, the family address was indicated to be [redacted] New York City.

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Barnard College records indicate that [redacted] apparently developed a cardiac condition in October, 1941, although her prior health record there had been good.

[redacted] was not very active in extracurricular activities. She was a member of the Glee Club during her four years at Barnard College; a member of the Greek Games Business Board during her freshman year; and a member of the Roosevelt Club during her sophomore year. During her junior and senior years, [redacted] was interviewed by the Placement Service Office of Barnard College concerning possible employment after her graduation, and the interviewer noted that she was not enthusiastic about a career and apparently had some conflict with her parents in that regard. It was also noted that she did not respond favorably to suggestions given her regarding participation in volunteer war work.

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The Placement Service Records at Barnard College further reflected that while still an undergraduate, [] served as a camp counselor during the summers of 1939 and 1940. From May, 1941, to September, 1941, and during the same period in 1942, [] did office work for the LEER AUTO AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLY COMPANY at 16 West 61st Street, New York City. A letter in her Placement Service file dated December, 1942, and signed by SAMUEL FRANK of that company, indicated that her work there had been very satisfactory. The Placement Service Records also indicate that in October, 1942, [] participated in a volunteer testing program at the Guinnan Clinic of the Sacred Heart School in New York City.

On December 26, 1943, [] married [] a physician. From October, 1943, until June, 1945, she attended the New York School of Social Work and received her master's degree in October, 1945.

[] employment record since her graduation is reflected as follows in the Placement Service Records at Barnard College:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Employment</u>
June, 1943 to October, 1943	Research Assistant, Psychological Corporation, New York City;
June, 1944 to October, 1944	Temporary Case Worker, Foster Home Bureau, New York City;
June, 1945 to August, 1946	Psychiatric Case Worker, Foster Home Bureau, Queens District, New York City;
November, 1946 to January, 1948	Psychiatric Case Worker, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C.;
January, 1948	United States Health Service, Prince George's Mental Health Clinic, Washington, D.C.

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The former addresses of [] as [] are reflected in Barnard College Placement Service Records as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>
January, 1944	[] New York City;
September, 1944	[] New York City;
November, 1946	[] Washington, D.C.;
March, 1948	[] Maryland;
July, 1948	[] Maryland.

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It is to be noted that this latter address was set out from JUDITH COPLON'S address book as [redacted] Bethesda. However, it is reflected in Barnard College records as Wilmet Road, Bethesda.

At the time of her graduation from Barnard College, [redacted] listed three faculty instructors as faculty references. They are: Dr. T. G. ANDREWS, [redacted] MC HUGH, and S. STANFELD SARGENT. ANDREWS and MC HUGH are no longer connected with Barnard College. However, Mrs. STRATMAN of the Placement Service Bureau believes that MC HUGH is currently teaching at Duke University. S. STANFELD SARGENT is now an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Barnard College with an office at 416 Milbank Hall. The faculty roster lists his home address as 449 West 123rd Street, New York City.

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SA LEVEC obtained the following information from the same source, relative to the above woman, a member of COPLON'S graduation class at Barnard:

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[redacted] was born on [redacted] at New York City, and graduated from Hunter College High School in June, 1939. It is noted that from January to June, 1939, she also took a stenographic course at the Ballad School which is connected with the YWHA in New York City. [redacted] entered Barnard College in October, 1939, at which time her home address was [redacted] New York City. She majored in economics; her grades were above average; and she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in June, 1943.

Her father was [redacted] born in Chicago, Illinois, and employed at the Hinckley Hat (or Hat) Company. Her mother, [redacted] also known as [redacted] was divorced from [redacted] and married to [redacted]. The Barnard College records reflected that [redacted] attended college and her occupation was given as a writer and former secretary. The records indicate that she was employed in 1943 by the "Censorship", and also by the Office of Price Administration. [redacted] step-father headed the Market Research Company known as [redacted] and Staff. Barnard College records stated that [redacted] absences at Barnard College were very excessive, and she received a warning from the school authorities in that regard. The person who interviewed [redacted] at the Barnard College Placement Service Office noted that she was very loquacious and self-centered.

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[] was extremely active in extracurricular activities during her Barnard College career. During her freshman year she was a member of the Glee Club and participated in the Greek Games Project which is a yearly event at the school. These two activities were continued throughout her sophomore year, in addition to her participation on the Archery Committee, the Camp Committee, the Year Book (Mortar Board) Advertising Staff. [] was also active on the "Bulletin", the school publication to which JUDITH COPLON also contributed. Similar activities were continued by [] during her junior and senior years.

[] was the recipient of a State Scholarship throughout her four years at Barnard College, and during her school career, she was engaged in the following part-time employments:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Summer, 1940	Assistant, [] Office (step-father;
June 2, 1941 to July 28, 1941	Statistical typist, Melchior, Armstrong, and Dessau;
August 4, 1941 to September, 1941	Clerk, A.T. & T., as Warrant Transfer typist on Special Bond Issues;

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Barnard records reflect that [] married [] on December 10, 1945, at which time he was a student. The records also indicated that from 1942 until November, 1945, she was a member of the Hostess Committee of the Music Box Canteen in New York City, which provided entertainment for service men. Barnard College Placement Service Records indicate the following employments for []:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>
June, 1942 to July 2, 1942	War Department, Under-Clerk, Typist, 90 Church Street, New York City;
August 9, 1942 to September 12, 1942	Loucks and Norling Studios, Advertising Films, Typist and Receptionist, 245 West 56th Street, New York City;
June 15, 1943 to June 30, 1943	Vick Chemical Company, Statistical Assistant;
July 1, 1943 to March 14, 1944	Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane (Brokerage), Assistant to secretary, New York City;

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DateEmployment

April 7, 1944 to April 30, 1945
October, 1944 to June, 1945

"Newsweek", Editorial Research, New York City;
RAYMOND MOLEY, Government Department, Barnard
College; Teaching, Assistant to Mr. MOLEY, New
York City; also an official of "Newsweek"
Magazine;

June 12, 1945 to January 28,
1946
February 11, 1946 to March 30,
1946

[redacted] and Staff, Market Research,
Field Interview, Newtown, Connecticut;
Plastic Molding Corporation, Assistant to
P.A. & C. Manager, Newtown, Connecticut;
Daniel Starch and Staff, Market Research,
Field Interview, Middletown, Connecticut;
Middletown High School, Substitute Teacher,
commercial subjects and social studies;
Middletown High School, teaching plane
geometry, elementary algebra, and business
arithmetic;

August 12, 1946 to February,
1947 (?)
September, 1946 to February,
1947

Doing class notes for "Wesleyan Alumnus"
(probably part-time),

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In connection with the above employments, [redacted] stated on the employment card which she sent to Barnard College Placement Service Office in November, 1946, that she had published six articles on financial subjects in the "Investor's Reader", a publication of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane, in 1943 and 1944. She also stated that she wrote two news stories while on the staff of the "Newsweek", one on business news, and the other on religion.

Barnard College records reflect that [redacted] has traveled abroad in England, France, Holland, and Italy. Elsewhere in her record it is noted that she visited Europe at the age of four. However, it is not indicated whether the above countries were visited at that time, or on a subsequent trip. In July, 1946, [redacted] wrote to Barnard College advising them of the death of her step-father, [redacted]. Her address at that time was [redacted] Sandy Hook, Connecticut. The most recent address contained in Barnard College records for [redacted] is, however, [redacted] Middletown, Connecticut.

Faculty references given by [redacted] in May, 1943, were W. WALLER, Assistant Professor of Psychology; RAYMOND J. SAULNIER, Associate Professor of Economics; and Professor RAYMOND MOLEY of the Government Department.

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WALLER is now deceased. SAULNIER is still teaching at Barnard College with an office at 340 Milbank Hall, and residence address of 106 Morningside Drive, New York City. RAYMOND MCLEYS is currently on leave of absence. His business address is 152 West 42nd Street ("Newsweek" Magazine) and his home address is the Hotel St. Regis, New York City.

Barnard College Placement Service Records contained a letter dated June 11, 1945, signed by HARRY F. KERN, War and Foreign Editor, "Newsweek" Magazine, expressing satisfaction with the work done by [redacted] when she was employed by "Newsweek" from April, 1944 to April, 1945. A similar letter dated April 18, 1944, signed by B. DELNOY of the Research Department of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane, reflects satisfaction with her work with that organization from July, 1943 to March, 1944.

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SA JOHN J. KENNEDY obtained the following information from the same source, relative to the above woman, a classmate of COPLON at Barnard:

[redacted] was born on [redacted] at Alpena, Michigan. Her parents were listed as [redacted] who was born in Michigan; her mother, [redacted] born in Michigan, but who is now deceased. Her father's occupation was listed as that of a farmer, by trade, but in 1942, it was noted, he was doing propaganda work for the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. [redacted] mother died when she was very young and she was placed under the care of a guardian by the name of AUSTIN C. HARMON. Her grandfather, name unknown, was listed as a physicist at the University of Michigan.

[redacted] attended Kingswood High School, located at Cranbrook, Michigan, from whence she was graduated in 1939. From there, she enrolled in the University of Wisconsin and remained there until 1941, at which time she was a transfer student to Barnard College. During her two years at Barnard, she was engaged in the following extracurricular activities: (1) In her senior year, she was Student Chairman of Volunteer War-Service Work; (2) During this year, she was also Chairman of the Community Service Bureau; (3) She was elected Chairman of the Class Gift to the College in that year.

It was noted that her college record was good and consisted mainly of a "B" average, and that she majored in English Composition.

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On September 8, 1943, she was married to [redacted] whose occupation was listed as that of an employee in a locker plant. Their address, at that time, was London, Ohio.

Previous to this, in the summer of 1942, she was employed as a reporter on the "Northport Journal", Northport, Long Island. A part-time job, as usher at the Institute of Arts & Sciences, Columbia University, was also listed as employment during her senior year.

Subsequent to graduation, during the period from February, 1945, through November, 1945, her occupation was listed as copywriter for the Lazarus Department Store, London, Ohio. The following faculty references were listed in the file:

Professor VIRGINIA D. HARRINGTON, listed as Assistant to the Dean, in charge of student affairs, and as Professor of History, 131 Milbank Hall, Barnard College, New York City;

Miss MARJORIE G. COOGAN, English teacher, 400 West 119th Street, Butler Hall, Barnard College, New York.

The only employer reference in the file of [redacted] was MARIAN H. BRITT, President of the "Northport Journal", Long Island, New York.

A list of addresses, as furnished, is as follows:

1941	[redacted] London, Ohio;
1941 through 1943	Resided at School Dormitory
June, 1943	Upon graduation, returned to [redacted] London, Ohio
Fall of 1943	Address noted as [redacted]
May, 1945	[redacted] Boothwyn, Pennsylvania
Present address	[redacted] Columbus 5, Ohio.
	London, Ohio

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The above woman was a classmate of COPLON at Barnard, and was employed at the same time as COPLON, in the Economic Welfare Section, U. S. Department of Justice, New York City.

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SA JOHN J. KENNELLY obtained the following information relative to [] from the Placement Service Records of Barnard College:

[] was born on [] in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of [] (n.m.i.) [] and [] (no maiden name noted) [] was listed as having been born in Russia and his occupation, at the time of [] enrollment, was factory manager and part-owner, although neither the place nor name of the factory was specified. [] was born in Switzerland and listed her occupation as a former nursemaid. [] has one sister, name unknown, whose age was eleven in 1939.

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[] attended the Caldwell High School, Caldwell, New Jersey, from where she was graduated in 1938. She came to Barnard College in September, 1939 and was graduated from there in 1943, receiving an A.B. degree. In the summer of 1941, she took courses in education at the New Jersey State Teacher's College, but no information was noted concerning these summer courses.

While in attendance at Barnard, she engaged in the following extracurricular activities: (1) During her sophomore year, she was Treasurer of the Lutheran Club; (2) She was President of the same club in her junior year; (3) During her senior year, she was listed as senior proctor, plus being in emergency war work as a member of the Student Aid Corps.

The above, while in attendance at Barnard College, was employed as a student under the NYA Program and worked actively in the Music Department, Comptroller's Office, lunchroom and the library. During 1941 and 1942, she was employed as a sales clerk in Altman's department store, Saturdays only. Miss CATHERINE S. DOTY, then head of the Occupation Bureau, enabled her to obtain this part-time job.

Subsequent to graduation, in June, 1943, she, as a result of receiving a mark of 98% in the Junior Professional Assistant exams (Civil Service), received an appointment at the Department of Justice. A Mr. WOHLFORTH notified her of her receipt of the position as a Research Assistant with the Department of Justice. She was employed there between June, 1943, and April, 1946, the exact dates unknown.

On June 1, 1946, she went to L. BAMBURGER & COMPANY, Newark, New Jersey. At that time, she gave Mr. LAURENCE ASPEN of the Justice Department as a reference. He was listed as the former Chief, Antitrust Division (New York Office), and his address was noted at that time to be 30 Broad Street.

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In addition to the above information, it was noted that while she was employed in the Department of Justice, she was attached to the War Division, doing research in economic warfare.

She left BAMBERGER'S in September, 1946, exact date unknown, and secured employment with the DAN JOHNSON, INC., firm in October, 1946, which acts as artists' representatives. This was her last known employment.

The following faculty references were furnished concerning the above:

Professor BASIL RAUCH, History Department, 337 Milbank Hall, Barnard;
Professor EUGENE H. BYRNE (retired), 24 East 84th Street, New York City;
Professor ELSPETH DAVIES, now Mrs. WALT ECSTOT - two addresses: 6 Rue de la Cloche, Geneva, Switzerland;
401 West 113th Street, New York City.

Her latest address was given as [redacted]
Montville, New Jersey.

[redacted]
nee [redacted]

[redacted] graduated from Barnard College with COPLON and subsequently was employed with her at the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice, New York City.

SA KENNELLY obtained the following information from the above-mentioned source:

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[redacted] was born [redacted] at Mt. Vernon, New York. Her father, [redacted] was born in Russia; her mother, [redacted] now deceased, was also born in Russia, but no maiden name was listed. Occupation for her father at the time of her enrollment was shown as being in the cleaning and dyeing business, although no pertinent information was available. A guardian, [redacted], was listed, whose address was shown as [redacted] Mt. Vernon, New York. The above has one brother, [redacted] a dentist, who also resides, and is employed, in Mt. Vernon. The above has two older sisters, both housewives, but neither the names nor addresses of either was available.

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[redacted] attended the A. B. Davis High School, from where she was graduated in January, 1939. She entered Barnard during September, 1939, and was graduated therefrom with an A.B. degree in June, 1943. During the summer of 1942, she took courses at New York University, notably in government, economics and political science.

While in attendance at Barnard, she engaged in the following extracurricular activities: (1) During freshman year, she was member of the Greek Games Committee; (2) as a junior, and also during her graduate year, she was Associate Editor on the News Board; (3) during her graduate year, she was interested, and actively engaged, in the Columbia University radio (CURC), a student activity. This radio had its own wave length and broadcast locally to the dormitories.

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Prior to her enrollment, she was employed as a receptionist and assistant to her brother, [redacted] at Mt. Vernon, New York. Also, during the period February, 1939 through August, 1939, she was engaged as a tutor for the daughter of Dr. J. LAPIN at 130 Reed Avenue, Pelham Manor, New York. As a student, during her undergraduate years, she was employed under the NYA Program in the Fine Arts Department and the Psychology Department. During the summer of 1939, she was listed as a resident companion for a Mrs. ALFRED KUDIN. No address was listed. During the period from September, 1941 until Christmas of that year, she was employed at Orbach's department store as a sales clerk. From September, 1942, to January, 1943, she did research work and field work for the National Child Labor Committee, New York City.

Subsequent to her graduation, she was employed, as of July 1, 1943, and through December 1, 1943, in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, doing research work on international cartels.

During the period of February 1, 1944 through May 1, 1945, her employment was listed as reporter on the "Hayward Review", a daily newspaper published in Hayward, California.

The faculty references for the above, as furnished, are as follows:

Professor CLARA ELLIOT, Milbank Hall, Barnard College;
Professor THOMAS P. REARDON, Professor of Government,
600 West 115th Street, New York City;
Professor JANE CLARK CARNEY, Milbank Hall, Barnard.

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On April 4, 1943, prior to her graduation from Barnard, she was married to [redacted] and a daughter was born on [redacted]. At that time, he was listed as a serviceman although the exact branch of service was not known. At present, his occupation is that of an optometrist.

Addresses, as furnished, are as follows:

1939	[redacted] Mt. Vernon, New York;
1940	[redacted] Mt. Vernon, New York;
1942	[redacted] New York City;
1945	Hayward, California
1947	[redacted] New Rochelle, N.Y.

It is to be noted that the last address shown above is the last one noted for [redacted]. This address was obtained at the time of the last contact with her by the Placement Office, and it was noted, at the time of this contact, that she was no longer employed, but listed the statement "retired" and it was assumed that she is now a housewife.

DR. HAROLD MacELHINNEY PEPPARD

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Dr. PEPPARD'S name appeared in COPLON'S address book.

On April 1, 1940, Dr. HAROLD MacELHINNEY PEPPARD was interviewed at his offices, 104 East 40th Street, New York City, by SAs DANIEL F. GARDE and MICHAEL J. McDONAGH.

Dr. PEPPARD, on interview, stated he had no recollection whatever of JUDITH COPLON. Upon a check of his records, he produced a card which indicated she had been treated as a patient by him. PEPPARD stated that his relationship with JUDITH COPLON was solely of a professional nature.

Dr. PEPPARD'S record reflected that JUDITH COPLON had been to his office for an original examination on June 14, 1944. She came to him after having read his book, "Sight Without Glasses", and was not referred by any other individual. Dr. PEPPARD said that this is not unusual, as he has numbers of people come to his office for eye examinations after they have read the above-entitled book.

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JUDITH COPLON was reexamined on January 19, 1945, and November 15, 1946, and had her glasses changed on both of these occasions. The Doctor's record reflected that JUDITH COPLON is farsighted, and that when fourteen years of age she had an operation on both eyes.

Dr. PEPPARD advised that he was born October 3, 1899, in Nova Scotia, Canada, and that he was naturalized in the Southern District of New York in 1936. He is divorced, and was remarried February 10, 1949, to a divorcee, FRANCES CASSELL STEPHENS, in Tampa, Florida. Mrs. STEPHENS was born in Philadelphia.

Dr. PEPPARD advised that his parents are both deceased; his father's name was WILLIAM, and his mother's name ADA MACELHINNEY.

Dr. PEPPARD has been an osteopath from 1925 to the present date, and has never been in the employ of the Federal Government in either a civilian or military capacity. His present address, which is temporary, is the MURRAY HOTEL, 66 Park Avenue, New York City.

MRS. SAMUEL SATTENSTEIN, aka
EMILY SATTEN

The name of EMILY SATTEN appeared on a bond application given to LOTSER'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Brooklyn, New York, as the purchaser of a war bond in favor of JUDITH COPLON.

Mrs. SATTEN was interviewed by SAs RICHARD E. BRENNAN and MICHAEL J. McDONAGH at FREDERICK LOTSER AND COMPANY, INC., 484 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. SATTEN advised that she has known the COPLON family for at least a period of twenty-seven years. They were neighbors at the address 1001 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, and in this fashion became acquainted. Mrs. SATTEN advised she has known JUDY COPLON since JUDY was a baby, and that it is her recollection that JUDY COPLON was born in the house at 1001 Eastern Parkway.

Mrs. SATTEN advised that she has lived at the following residences since moving from 1001 Eastern Parkway:

1690 President Street, Brooklyn, New York;
757 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York;

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388 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, New York;
317 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

This latter address is her present address, and she has been a resident at this number for the past seven years. When Mrs. SATTEN moved to 1690 President Street, she advised, the COPLON family moved to a location on Avenue S in Brooklyn, and the COPLON family moved from Avenue S to 170 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, their present address. Mrs. SATTEN was unable to approximate the dates of the changes in residence of both the COPLON family and her own family.

Mrs. SATTEN stated that over the period of the past twenty-seven years she has visited with the COPLON family at their home, and Mrs. COPLON has visited at her home. Their friendship was based entirely upon the fact that they had been neighbors, and Mrs. SATTEN stated they are in no way related, nor had they had any other association other than that of mere friends.

Mrs. SATTEN stated that her real name is SATTENSTEIN; that her husband's name is SAMUEL SATTENSTEIN, and he is presently temporarily employed in a clerical capacity at SCHPAEDT & SONS, Claremont Avenue, Brooklyn. She volunteered information that he is quite ill with a heart ailment, and his employment has been irregular because of this for some time. She has a son named [redacted] who, she said, has legally changed his name to [redacted] from that of [redacted]. He resides at [redacted] Long Island. [redacted] is employed as a shoe salesman at LO'ST'S in Brooklyn, where Mrs. SATTEN works as a saleswoman in the housewares department.

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During the war, Mrs. SATTEN stated, she was quite often engaged in bond selling work at LO'ST'S. Knowledge of this type of activity on her part was naturally known to the COPLON family, with whom she was friendly, and to whom she mentioned her employment activities. She stated that Mr. COPLON, on occasions, forwarded checks to her with instructions that she purchase war bonds for either his daughter, JUDY COPLON, or for his wife. Mrs. SATTEN stated that she is positive that bonds were purchased in JUDY'S name on more than one occasion. The checks issued for payment of the bonds were drawn on an Albany bank in which Mr. COPLON maintained an account. The exact name of the bank was unknown to Mrs. SATTEN. Mrs. SATTEN stated that she is absolutely certain that she had never personally sold a bond to JUDY COPLON. The last time Mrs. SATTEN saw JUDY COPLON, with the exception of at her father's recent funeral, was when JUDY was in either her last year or next to her last year in college.

Mrs. SATTEN advised, in answer to question, that she knew none of JUDY COPLON'S acquaintances, or anything concerning her activities since

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JUDY became a grown girl. Mrs. SATTEN never engaged in any discussions of politics or of JUDY'S employment or education with JUDY. It was Mrs. SATTEN'S opinion that JUDY COPLON'S father was a strong Republican.

Mrs. EMILY SATTEN advised that she was not acquainted with any individual by the name of LEAVITT or of

When Mrs. SATTEN resided at 757 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, she did not have a telephone in her apartment, and consequently had listed with the store for telephone reference a neighbor, Mrs. LOWITT, on the fifth floor of 757 Empire Boulevard.

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Mrs. EMILY SATTEN'S present home phone number is President 2-0326.

The records of the Credit Bureau were checked against the name of EMILY SATTEN, with negative results.

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~~SIDNEY~~ BERMAN

On March 9, 1949 SAS RALPH MILLER and RICHARD T. HRADSKY interviewed SIDNEY BERMAN, Attorney, 225 West 57th Street, New York City, concerning JUDITH COPLON. He stated that he first met JUDITH COPLON in January or February 1947 in Washington, D.C., through [redacted] who was a classmate of subject's at Barnard College. He and [redacted] had planned to attend the Trudy Shute (PH) Ballet at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., and at [redacted] request he invited PHIL~~X~~ELMAN, an attorney in the Solicitor General's Office, as a blind date for COPLON.

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BERMAN stated that he next saw subject at a restaurant called, the Chicken Hut in Washington, D.C., in early Summer, 1948, and started dating her. He said that they had a number of dates at the beach during July and August and recalled that subject had been recently returned from a trip to Italy, and she showed him photographs of scenes in Rome, Milan, and Florence. He said that they had a personal disagreement about this time and that he did not see her again until early in December 1948. He said that at that time he was under charges due to the loyalty program being conducted, and that he had decided to leave Washington at the end of the year.

BERMAN stated that he left Washington, D.C., on December 18, 1948 and a short time prior to that date had telephoned COPLON to say goodbye. They settled their differences amicably and BERMAN invited her to one of a series of farewell parties that were given for him, which she accepted. When he left Washington, D.C., he asked COPLON to telephone him when she came to New York. She called him at Christmas of 1948 and they attended a ballet at the New York City Center and made a date for January 15, 1949. On that date BERMAN took her to dinner at the Town House, a restaurant located somewhere on Long Island. They were accompanied by his friend, FRED~~X~~BLANK, and a girl friend of BLANK'S. BERMAN said that BLANK was a fellow member at the Gotham Health Club in New York City.

BERMAN said that he believes COPLON returned to New York City the following week, and that he talked to her on the telephone and asked her to tell his friend JOSEPH~~X~~STONE, also an attorney in the Labor Department, to bring him a bottle of scotch on his next trip from Washington, D.C., as he, BERMAN, had had a half-case of whiskey stolen from his automobile. STONE had met COPLON on one occasion in July 1948 at a beach party.

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BERMAN was to have another date with COPLON a week or two before Washington's Birthday, but she cancelled it. This was BERMAN'S last contact with subject.

BERMAN stated that COPLON was an enjoyable companion. He said she never discussed or expressed any interest in politics, ideologies, world affairs or the like. She was very much interested in Shakespeare and art and appeared to be attached to her family.

BERMAN understood that she was in the Registration Division of the Justice Department and thought it pertained to the registration of lobbyists, but she never discussed her work. She did not appear to have any particular friends other than [redacted] who is in the Apprentice Training Section of the Labor Department, and [redacted] who has been previously identified.

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On her last visit or two to New York City, subject indicated to BERMAN that she had a steady boyfriend in Washington, D.C., but she did not identify this boyfriend in any way. BERMAN observed during the interview that he had considered marrying the subject in the Summer of 1948. He stated that he was unable to comprehend or account for the subject's reported espionage activities as she seemed disinterested in politics and, being highly emotional, does not impress him as suitable for such work.

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[redacted] New Rochelle, New York, was interviewed at her home on April 18, 1949 by SA'S EDWIN R. TULLY and ARTHUR AVIGNONE. By way of background information [redacted] advised that she was born [redacted] on [redacted] at Mt. Vernon, New York. Her husband is [redacted] an Optometrist with offices at 76 Central Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.

Information obtained from [redacted] reflects that she attended Barnard College and graduated in June, 1943 in the class of which JUDITH COPLON was a member. During the course of their attendance at Barnard College, [redacted] and JUDITH COPLON were friendly to the extent that they attended several classes in common and both were on the staff of the college newspaper, "The Barnard Bulletin". There was no other association between these two individuals other than occasional luncheons and these usually in company of other students.

[redacted] considers herself as having been a "good friend" of JUDITH COPLON while in college and named four other individuals whom she similarly described. These were MARCIA FREEMAN, SYBIL NURCO, FLO FISCHMAN, and NORMA SCHPETNER, all of whom except NURCO were also on the staff of the "Barnard Bulletin".

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Subsequent to graduation from Barnard College in 1943 [redacted] was employed by the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice and was also employed until November or December of the same year. During the course of this employment she was under the supervision of one Mr. WOHLFORTH but in a section different from that of JUDITH COPLON and consequently not associated with her in the course of their employment. JUDITH COPLON was directly under the supervision of one Mr. BURSNER. They were both classified as "experts" and were engaged in research work dealing with the activities of German cartels. To the best of [redacted] knowledge, JUDITH COPLON did not remove any files or documents from this office although she had free access thereto. In addition she stated that she lunched with JUDITH COPLON but that their association terminated at the close of the business day and no relationships were maintained by them after office hours. Consequently, she could furnish no information regarding JUDITH COPLON'S social activities.

At the close of the interview [redacted] stated that in her opinion she did not believe JUDITH COPLON to be a Communist but described her as a "Liberal--one who believes in the social changes brought about by the New Deal and who supports the rights of minorities."

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On April 14, 1949, [redacted] n [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents ARTHUR AVIGNONE and EDWIN R. TULIN at her residence, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. [redacted] advised that she entered on duty with the Board of Economic Warfare, Department of Justice, on May 31, 1943, and at that time was living at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. She resigned from the Justice Department on November 29, 1946, to go to work with a private corporation. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, on [redacted] Her mother, [redacted] was born in Ireland on September 1, 1899, and her father, [redacted] was born in Ireland on May 10, 1898. She has two brothers, [redacted] and [redacted] She is now employed as a stenographer by the Harnischfeger Corporation at 30 Church Street, New York City. She is married and her husband is [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she remembers JUDY COPLON when both were employed at the Board of Economic Warfare, 30 Broad Street, New York City. However, she said that she was never a close friend or associate of JUDY COPLON since she was a stenographer and JUDY was rated as an "Expert." She said she never lunched with JUDY or associated with her, either during or after office hours. Consequently, she stated that she could not comment as to the political philosophy of JUDY COPLON.

As best as she could recollect, [redacted] declared that JUDY'S closest associates at the Board of Economic Warfare were: SHIRLEY ARANOW, SARAH BECKER, [redacted] and VIRGINIA MARINO. [redacted] declared that all these girls and JUDY COPLON were classified as "Experts," and all did the same type of research work; consequently they were together quite frequently and did not have too much contact with the stenographers. Of those named, [redacted] said that in her opinion JUDY COPLON was closer to SARAH BECKER and SHIRLEY ARANOW.

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[redacted] said that when the Board of Economic Warfare disbanded in 1945, she went into the Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department and JUDY went to Washington, D. C. She said that she never saw or heard from JUDY since that time.

[redacted] recalled that Mr. WOLFORTH was in charge of the Board of Economic Warfare Office in New York City, and that JUDY COPLON worked a great deal of the time with NORMAN BURSNER and ALEX SACKS.

[redacted] said that she did not know any associates or friends of JUDY COPLON outside the office or at any other Government agency.

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She said that she never knew of JUDY taking any papers or documents from the office of the Board of Economic Warfare, but pointed out that JUDY had free access to all BEW Office files, and by the very nature of her research work would be justified in having BEW documents in her possession.

[redacted] advised that she knew no one named [redacted]

[redacted] suggested that possibly a woman named BETTY BURNS, who had been a stenographer in the Board of Economic Warfare during the time that JUDY COPLON was employed there, might know more about JUDY COPLON, inasmuch as Mrs. BURNS knew many more of the girls at the BEW Office than [redacted]. However, [redacted] did not know the present address of Mrs. BURNS, and could only advise that Mrs. BURNS had also been connected with the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice but had left the Government service in 1946.

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~~CHARLOTTE THURNHERR~~

It will be recalled that CHARLOTTE THURNHERR was employed in the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice, New York City, at the same time as COPLON.

SA JOHN P. DALEY ascertained from THURNHERR'S mother that CHARLOTTE was presently the private secretary to TOM HARRIS, an attorney for CIO. Her business address is 718 Jackson Place, Washington 6, D.C., telephone, Executive 5581. CHARLOTTE resides at the Hotel Meridian, 2601 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D.C., telephone, Michigan 2951.

~~FLORA BRIDGES~~

It will be recalled that BRIDGES is a Barnard College graduate and was employed for a short time in the Economic Warfare Section while COPLON was there.

SA JAMES E. FREANEY ascertained from Mrs. BRIDGES that FLORA BRIDGES is presently Assistant Dean at Mount Vernon College, Washington, D.C. FLORA resides at McLean Gardens, 139 Frankfort Hall, Plattsburg Court, Washington, D.C., telephone WO 9869.

~~MRS. RALPH (BETTY) BIRNS~~

Mrs. BIRNS was employed at the Economic Warfare Section at the same time as COPLON. Her name was spelled erroneously in reference report as BIRNE.

Mrs. BIRNS was interviewed by SAs JAMES E. FREANEY and JAMES T. O'BRIEN at her home, 14 Monroe Street, New York City.

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Mrs. BIRNS advised that she was very hazy about dates but stated that she had been working for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice as a stenographer when the Board of Economic Warfare was set up under ROBERT WOHLFORTH. Shortly after this she received a transfer to the Economic Warfare Section as a stenographer. At about the same time WOHLFORTH brought in a group of Barnard girls as professional analysts. Among these girls was JUDITH COPLON.

Mrs. BIRNS stated that she, BIRNS, remained with the Economic Warfare Section until its termination at which time she was transferred back to the Antitrust Division.

Mrs. BIRNS stated that the group of Barnard girls was known in the office as "the daisy chain". They were all mutual acquaintances and did not mingle very much with the rest of the office staff. As a stenographer Mrs. BIRNS never had any acquaintance with COPLON or the rest of the Barnard group outside the office and her acquaintance with them during office hours was slight.

Mrs. BIRNS stated that she did notice that COPLON was very close to SHIRLEY ARONOW and was a friend of [REDACTED]. She recalled that FLORA BRIDGES, who was one of the Barnard group, was a Japanese girl and that her employment with EWS was terminated very suddenly, possibly due to her Japanese ancestry.

Mrs. BIRNS recalled [REDACTED] and characterized her as a very snobish person who was not on friendly terms with anyone in the office.

Mrs. BIRNS recalled COPLON as a very unattractive, skinny, sloppily dressed girl who was continually subject to attacks of boredom and depression. Mrs. BIRNS said that SHIRLEY ARONOW told her one time that COPLON was very unhappy because of her home life but did not elaborate on this subject. Continuing, Mrs. BIRNS said that COPLON complained that her work was not interesting or exciting and said that she wanted to "live dangerously".

Mrs. BIRNS said that she did not know anything about COPLON'S political philosophy. She said that COPLON was usually annoyed at WOHLFORTH because she either had no work to do or the work was not sufficiently interesting.

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Mrs. BURNS could furnish no information concerning any acquaintances or activities of COPLON other than that set out above.

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It will be recalled that among the possessions of COPLON when she was apprehended on March 4, 1949, was a small business card of the Marianne et Fils Restaurant, 332 West 45th Street, New York City. On the reverse side of this card the name [redacted] was printed. This name and address was printed by hand and, as stated in the reference report, the FBI Laboratory advised that it was not prepared by COPLON.

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SA RICHARD E. ERENNAN ascertained that the building located at [redacted] was a rooming house of the cheaper variety. Mrs. CAROLINE de GASPARI, the landlady of this establishment, made her register available to SA ERENNAN but no record could be found of [redacted] having been registered there from July, 1948 until the present time.

The Manhattan telephone directory lists a [redacted] as residing at [redacted] New York City.

Agent ERENNAN ascertained from [redacted] brother of [redacted] that his sister is presently in Miami, Florida with her father, [redacted] and that their last known address was [redacted] Miami, Florida.

At the Marianne et Fils Restaurant Agent ERENNAN ascertained that no one by the name of [redacted] had been employed there for the past four years and that the name was unknown there.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents
RALPH F. MILLER and ROBERT M. KANS:

~~CHARLOTTE~~ MASCH

Miss CHARLOTTE MASCH, 101 Lexington Avenue, New York City, who is presently employed as a steno-clerk in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, United States Court House, Foley Square, was interviewed on April 13, 1949. Miss MASCH stated that she had worked for the Economic Warfare Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice from June, 1943 until about the summer of 1945, during which time the subject, JUDITH COPLON, was also employed in this section. She stated that although both she and Miss COPLON had worked for Mr. NORMAN BURSLE, they did not have much contact with each other, inasmuch as they were engaged in different types of work for Mr. BURSLE and worked in different offices. Miss MASCH stated that she did not particularly associate with Miss COPLON, inasmuch as Miss COPLON was a much younger person than she.

Miss MASCH stated that SHIRLEY ARANOW and SARAH BECKER appeared to be subject's closest associates in the office. She also recalled that [] associated with this group once in a while. However, she did not know the extent of their associations nor their activities. She said she had no knowledge concerning any of the aforementioned, or subject's political philosophies as she never had any discussions with them regarding these matters. b6 b7C

Miss MASCH stated that she did not know anything regarding Miss COPLON'S activities outside of the office. She said that subject had always seemed busy and interested in her work. Miss MASCH said she had a few conversations with her but nothing of a political nature ever came up. She recalled that subject had stated that she wanted to be away from home, and did not want to stay in New York and look after her home. However, she knew nothing further concerning her personal affairs.

Miss MASCH advised that she herself was born on November 13, 1892 at Stettin, Germany, and attended the Geseinius School there. She entered the United States on September 12, 1912 at New York and was naturalized in 1923 or 1924 at New York. From 1930 to 1939 she was employed as a secretary by the Alpha Lux Company, 193 Front Street, New York. From 1939 to 1942 she was un-

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employed while caring for her mother at their home at 101 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Since 1943 she has been employed by the United States Government, first in the employment which she shared with the subject and later in her present employment:

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[redacted] Brooklyn, who is presently employed as a clerk-steno in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, United States Court House, Foley Square, was interviewed on April 13, 1949. [redacted] stated that she was employed in the Economic Warfare Section of the War Division of the United States Department of Justice from February, 1944 to June, 1945; [redacted] stated that she had very little contact with JUDITH COPLON; who is also employed in this section, inasmuch as they had entirely different jobs and Miss COPLON associated with an entirely different set of girls in the office;

[redacted] stated that she did not know subject's particular associates in the office, although she had a vague recollection that subject was friendly with SHIRLEY ARANOW, [redacted] and BIANCA ROESTI. She stated that she did not know the extent of these associations, nor did she have any knowledge concerning the particular political philosophy of any of the aforementioned; She did not know of any activities or associates which subject might have had outside of the office.

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[redacted] advised that she was born on [redacted] at New York and was graduated from the East Side Evening High School. She has been employed by the United States Government since 1942, in that year with the Office of Price Administration, in 1943 and 1944, with the Federal Housing Administration and since 1944, as described above;

[redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, New York, who is presently employed as a secretary at the National Association of Cost Accountants, 385 Madison Avenue, was interviewed on April 13, 1949. [redacted] stated that she was employed in the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice, from August, 1944 to June, 1945, as a typist.

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[] stated that she had practically no contact whatever with subject, JUDITH COPLON, inasmuch as she had a different type of job and worked in a different office from Miss COPLON. [] did recall that [] VIRGINIA MARINO and SARAH BECKER seemed to be rather close friends of COPLON'S in the office. She stated that she did not know any of these girls, however, and knew nothing concerning their political philosophies or their activities, either inside or outside the office. [] recalled that [] had been taking Russian lessons while she worked in the Economic Warfare Section. She stated that she was fairly certain that VIRGINIA MARINO and possibly subject, JUDITH COPLON, also were taking Russian lessons, as she recalled their practicing their lessons in the office on one or two occasions. It was her impression that these girls were merely taking Russian for their own amusement and did not know of any other significance which might have been attached to it.

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[] stated that she did not know of any activities or associates which subject had outside of the office.

[] advised that she was born on [] at Chicago, Illinois. She was graduated in 1944 from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx. She has been employed in her present position since ending her employment with the Economic Warfare Section.

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[REDACTED]

SE JOHN W. DOBBINS examined the UNRRA files on the above individual and the only information other than that already set out in previous reports lists her, [REDACTED] supervisors at UNRRA and the references she gave in connection with her employment.

Her supervisors were:

GEORGE WOODBRIDGE
1913 23rd Street
Washington, D. C.

HENRY M. BURNETT
c/o B. F. BURNETT
189 Woodland Avenue
Verona, New Jersey

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[REDACTED] listed her references as follows:

JULIUS LEVITCH
1451 Parkwood Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
Telephone - Adams 3307

Mrs. M. PICKARD
5754 Columbus Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
Telephone - RA. 2797

RUTH O'DONNELL
Department of Justice,
Extension 576

HELDEMAR JOHNSON
Department of Justice,
Extension 576

MARY RAPETTI
Department of Justice,
War Division,
Extension 281

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SAMUEL A. ~~NEUBURGER~~

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York had a report dated December 5, 1945 concerning the above individual. The following information concerning NEUBURGER was taken from this report.

He was 45 years old, married to MURIEL NEUBURGER and had two children. He was a lawyer with the firm NEUBURGER, SHAPIRO AND RABINOWITZ, 61 Broadway, New York City. He had resided at 170 Hawthorne, Brooklyn, New York for over five years, residing in apartment 1-L. Prior to that he resided at 2100 Westbury Street, Brooklyn.

NEUBURGER has maintained a law office at the above address in Room 1601 since January, 1944. Prior to that, he was associated with SHAPIRO at 220 Broadway in Room 1008 from nine to ten years.

His bank references were the Flatbush National Bank, where he has an account for three years with a three figure balance and prior to December, 1942 for two years had a small account at the Title Guaranty Company, 170 Broadway.

A pretext telephone call reflected that NEUBURGER is now a member of the firm NEUBURGER, SHAPIRO, RABINOWITZ AND BOUDIN, located at 76 Beaver Street, New York City, telephone Digby 4-5564.

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INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ~~ZORA~~

By teletype dated March 30, 1949, the Bureau advised that it had ascertained that ZORA was employed by the Office of War Information, presumably in New York City, in September, 1944.

On the basis of this new information, immediate arrangements were made to ascertain the identity of all female employees of OWI in New York City during 1944.

The writer ascertained that there were approximately 3,000 employees at the New York Office of OWI during September, 1944, 1,600 of them being women. Due to the importance of the identification of ZORA, it is deemed advisable to make an examination of all of the personnel files of the women in an attempt to develop suspects within that group. The project has not been completed as of the writing of this report and, therefore, all of the details concerning the mechanics of the project will not be set out in this report.

It might be stated now, however, that the best suspect to date is ~~ELIZABETH~~ DIJOUR.

The records of the OWI, New York City, reflect that ELIZABETH DIJOUR was originally employed by OWI on January 4, 1943 as a script writer. On June 11, 1943, she was promoted to associate script writer; on October 1, 1943, she was promoted to control editor, and on October 16, 1944, she was promoted to regional control editor (CAF 12). DIJOUR left OWI on June 30, 1945, the reason given on the card being "completion of assignment" which is involuntary separation.

Continuing, OWI records show that when originally employed by OWI, DIJOUR resided at 257 East 50th Street, New York City, telephone: RI 8-0752. She subsequently moved to 50 East 56th Street, telephone: Plaza 8-07 (possibly 2) 52.

DIJOUR was born January 7, 1910 at Kiev Russia. She was single, five feet two inches tall, one twenty-five pounds. She was not a citizen of the United States but had filed her first papers.

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She indicated that her father was deceased and that her mother was Mrs. RAYMOND H. HARDELL, 2527 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York. She attended the University of Paris, 1926-1930 and Columbia University, 1930-1931.

ELIZABETH DIJOUR was investigated by the Bureau in December, 1941 inasmuch as information had been received that she was allegedly an agent of GASTON BERGERY, French Ambassador to the Soviet Union who was recalled to France in June, 1941. During the investigation, DIJOUR was employed in the Listening Post of the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflected that ELIZABETH DIJOUR arrived on the SS "Carvalho Aranjo" which arrived at New York City on December 27, 1940 having sailed from Lisbon, Portugal. The manifest listed DIJOUR'S nationality as French, race - Hebrew, and place of birth as Kiev, Russia. Her last permanent address was given as Paris, France and her occupation as anthropologist. The manifest revealed that DIJOUR was in possession of a non-preferential quota visa for permanent residence, No. QV 879, issued at Lyon, France, October 21, 1940.

DIJOUR listed LEON POLAK, 77 Rue Spontine, Paris, France, an uncle of DIJOUR, as a relative residing in the country from which she came.

DIJOUR had been in the United States before from August, 1930 until October, 1931 when she returned to France.

DIJOUR stated that her purpose for coming to the United States was to visit her mother, MAY HARDELL, 2422 University Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that she did not intend to return to France, but intended to become a permanent resident of the United States.

EDWARD KLAUBER, Vice President, Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised in December, 1941 that DIJOUR began employment with CBS on July 19, 1941 as a news reporter at \$25.00 per week. On September 8, 1941, she was promoted to the status of translator at \$40.00 a week. She worked in the Program Department, Division of Public Affairs. Her duties consisted of listening to foreign broadcasts and translating them and transposing them on paper. These were forwarded to the news department and press division of Colonel DONOVAN'S Department and also to Army and Navy officials.

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J. H. BURGESS, Personnel Manager, CBS, made available DIJOUR'S application for employment dated July 17, 1941. She stated that she resided at 2422 University Avenue, Bronx, New York with her mother, Mrs. R. H. HARDELL. DIJOUR indicated that she spoke French, Russian, German, and Spanish (and presumably English). She stated that she had published articles in "LaFleche," Paris which consisted of papers on anthropology in the annals of the University of Tucuman and also articles of the same nature in the "Journal des Americanistes Paris."

DIJOUR was employed from May, 1921 to August, 1930 as Assistant Curator in the Musee de L'Homme, Paris. She left there to come to the United States. From November, 1933 to January, 1934, she was employed as Assistant Curator in the Musee des Colonies located at Porte Doree, Paris, France. From February, 1934 to March, 1937, she was employed at the newspaper, "La Fleche," 7 Rue de la Rochodiere as a reporter and foreign policy commentator. Her immediate employer was GASTON BERGERY. She stated she left this newspaper because of a political disagreement. From March, 1937 to September, 1939, she was employed at the Centre d'Etude, 123 Rue de Grenelle, Paris, which consisted of monitoring and being in charge of the organization of programs. She stated that civilian personnel had been dismissed and that was the reason she left this employment. From October, 1939 to December, 1940, she was employed by the Agence Fournier, 1 Rue de la Bourse, Paris, and 3 Rue Stella, Lyon, France. Her duties there consisted of being head of the foreign news service for this agency. She left there because of her coming to the United States.

Relative to her education, DIJOUR said that from 1924 to 1926, she attended Caroline V. Humboldt Schule, Berlin, Germany. From 1926 to 1931, she attended Paris and Columbia Universities where she studied anthropology and political science, receiving a master's degree from the latter university. From 1926 to 1928, she attended Ecole de Louvre, Paris, France.

In DIJOUR'S application, she stated, "have done field work in anthropology in British Columbia, Canada, and Argentina. Have covered strikes in France and the Civil War in Spain as reporter for 'La Fleche.' Here on immigration visa and have applied for my first papers."

DIJOUR listed the following individuals as references:

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JANET FLANNER, 25 West 43rd Street, New York City;
HUDSON HAWLEY, National Broadcasting Company International Office,
New York City;
LUCIEN VOGEL, Conde Nast Publications, Inc.
420 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised in December, 1941 that he had

[REDACTED] He said that BERGERY owned a newspaper in Paris by the name of "La Fleche" in which paper BERGERY expressed his own views. T-2 advised that the paper was also an organ of the political Socialist Party with which BERGERY was affiliated.

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T-2 said that BERGERY held a position in the Vichy Government and had turned Fascistic in his policies previously in 1936.

Continuing, T-2 said that DIJOUR'S connection with BERGERY was that of private secretary until about seven years ago (as of 1941) and that she was then taken on by BERGERY as managing editor of his newspaper. He said that DIJOUR was the first to leave the newspaper when BERGERY started to publish openly his political views. T-2 said that DIJOUR'S refusal to have anything to do with BERGERY was well known in newspaper circles in Paris. T-2 said that DIJOUR was an intelligent and very remarkable young lady who was "a thousand percent democratic in her political views." He said that she had a remarkable career for a young lady and that he considered her character as being very loyal to democratic ideas.

Continuing, the informant said that DIJOUR was never attached to the Communist Party of France other than the fact that she mingled with newspaper men of the Communist papers, but merely in a professional way.

The following is a description of DIJOUR taken from the records of Ellis Island and from remarks of persons interviewed during the investigation in 1941:

Born:	January 7, 1910, Kiev, Russia
Nationality:	French
Height:	5'2"

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Weight:	120 pounds
Hair:	brown
Eyes:	blue-gray
Marital Status:	single
Peculiarities:	very mannish in dress and appearance

On January 29, 1942, Mrs. ALICE ROBINSON, Editor of "Mademoiselle" magazine, telephonically advised the New York Office that she was just putting out the February issue of the magazine which contained an article by ELIZABETH DIJOUR concerning short-wave broadcasting. Mrs. ROBINSON stated that she had since received a dossier on Miss DIJOUR and learned that DIJOUR had been a cadet in the Soviet Navy and had otherwise associated with the Soviet Union.

Subsequent investigation reflected that the so-called dossier was merely a personnel file containing the history of DIJOUR. It contained the following information on DIJOUR:

"(Miss DIJOUR)...has been a woman cadet in the Russian Navy, anthropologist among the South American Indians of the Argentine, a journalist in the Spanish Civil War, and a radio commentator in Paris and New York."

In February, 1942, WILLENA TODD, Assistant Editor of "Mademoiselle", advised that the original source of the information concerning DIJOUR'S being in the Russian navy had come from one ~~GEORGE~~ DAVIS, an employee of "Mademoiselle." Miss TODD said that Mr. DAVIS was known to have been friendly with DIJOUR and apparently knew her when they both resided in Paris, France. DAVIS represented the magazine at that time and lived in the "Bohemian" quarter of Paris. Miss TODD said that DAVIS was very eccentric and was known to have extremely liberal views.

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Miss TODD ascertained from DAVIS, using a suitable pretext, that he had submitted the dossier on DIJOUR to Mrs. ROBINSON and that he had used information which had come to him verbally by DIJOUR in conversations with her over a period of time. DAVIS added that DIJOUR was a journalist during the Spanish Civil War and her sympathies were known to have been with the Loyalist Cause.

In January, 1944, Confidential Informant T-3 advised this office that

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ALEXANDER ~~X~~HERTZ, head of the Polish Desk in the OWI, was extremely pro-Russian in his attitude. Informant added that the OWI Polish censor was a Miss ELIZABETH DIJOUR, of French nationality, who spoke Russian fluently. Informant said that Miss DIJOUR was also very pro-Russian. The informant mentioned as evidence of this that certain scripts for forthcoming broadcasts had been changed. The informant gave as an example that a script had been turned in which indicated that the Polish Government in exile in London would be cooperative with Russia. This had been deleted and it was the informant's opinion that it was so deleted inasmuch as Russia was desirous of having people in occupied Poland feel that their Government in exile was not doing a good job for them in cooperating with Russia and the United Nations.

The informant gave other examples of scripts being changed so as to conform to pro-Russian views.

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[] This congress was an alleged Communist front organization. The informant said that ELIZABETH DIJOUR of the OWI was present at this congress. He added that DIJOUR had some of the script writers of OWI in New York terrorized so that they conformed with her specifications in so far as the scripts are concerned and in his opinion, these specifications leaned toward the left at all times.

The Bureau has been advised of the possible connection of ERNEST ~~X~~STURC with Soviet espionage. STURC was previously investigated by the Bureau and it is noted that while STURC was under surveillance, he contacted ELIZABETH DIJOUR on December 25, and 29, 1944. DIJOUR and STURC were with each other also on January 3, 1945 and January 8, 1945. On the occasion of this last mentioned meeting, one of the surveilling agents overheard STURC make a remark to DIJOUR which included the words, "...Army, Navy, and Air Force..." DIJOUR asked STURC in response to this remark, "When do you want it?"

On January 15, 24, 1945, DIJOUR was present at meetings which were attended by STURC, Dr. ALEXANDER HERTZ and the latter's assistant, STEFAN ~~X~~IRSKI. The meeting on January 24, 1945 was held at DIJOUR'S home. Also present at this meeting were ADOLPH ~~X~~HOFFMEISTER, of the Czech Desk of OWI, and MIRA ~~X~~LOTOWSKA, who was formerly employed by OWI on the Polish Desk.

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Confidential Informant T-4 advised that when ~~JOHANNES~~ STEEL returned from Europe on May 23, 1947, he had a number of names and addresses in his brief case. Among those was ELIZABETH DIJOUR, 43 Rue Rappet, XVI, Paris.

The records of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York City, reflect that on June 27, 1940, a payment in the amount of \$540.00 was made to the account of RAYMOND HARDELL in the National City Bank, Fordham Branch. The account of ~~MICHEL~~ POLOK of Paris, France, was charged with this amount.

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF JUDY COPLON

During the period of this report Confidential Informant T-1 has supplied this office with information concerning part of the activities of JUDITH COPLON and members of her family at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. It should be pointed out that not all the information supplied by this informant is being reported, but only that which is felt will be helpful in the investigation of this case.

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At 10:20 A.M. on the instant date JUDY COPLON advised her cousin, [] that the Department of Justice had sent her three crank letters which had been mailed to COPLON at the Department.

COPLON said that she wanted to borrow [] portable typewriter, explaining that she had a few letters she had to write. [] said that she would bring the typewriter over.

At 10:43 A.M. ARCHIBALD PALMER advised COPLON that he had spoken with the FBI about the articles in COPLON'S purse. PALMER said that the FBI informed him that if anyone went to Washington to get in touch with Mr. WHEARTY relative to obtaining COPLON'S possessions in her apartment.

PALMER wanted to know if COPLON was working. She said that she could not work yesterday but would work today, and further that her brother would be away on Saturday and Sunday and she would be alone most of the time. PALMER wanted COPLON to come to see him the following afternoon and bring with her whatever she got.

During the morning on the above date Mrs. SAMUEL COPLON was talking with her sister, ROSE ZWICK, at which time she stated that a very nice boy (presumably SID BERMAN) came over the previous evening to see JUDY. Mrs. COPLON also said that ANNA WOLIN was coming over to see JUDY that afternoon.

At 3:34 P.M. COPLON unsuccessfully attempted to contact SID BERMAN.

At 3:42 P.M. SID BERMAN told COPLON that he had called the man but that the latter was out of town. He said by luck he had located the man in Atlanta and had called him down

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there. COPLON said she "got hell" last night for getting home late, but admitted that SID mixed a fine drink.

SID said that he told FINK (phonetic) about it and told FINK to drop him (SID) a line. FINK will take the case (presumably COPLON'S case) if she doesn't have anyone. FINK would be in Cleveland on Monday or Tuesday.

JUDY wanted to go to a dentist and SID recommended his dentist, located at 180th Street and Burnside Avenue. COPLON said that she went to a dentist in Washington by the name of DR. JACOB HIRSCH on Avenue I.

SID said he would call his dentist and make an appointment for JUDY the following day, but COPLON said she wanted to see her lawyer about 3:00 P.M. the following day.

At 5:11 P.M. COPLON and BERMAN agreed to meet at the latter's apartment at 1 P.M. so he could take her to the dentist.

At 6:15 P.M. PALMER asked COPLON if she were going to be at his office at three o'clock the following day and further said: "Will you have any papers with you?". COPLON said that she did not get her typewriter as it was in Washington. PALMER then told her to "scratch" him out an outline like she did in grammar school.

March 26th

At 12:45 A.M. on this date JUDY COPLON attempted to get in touch with [redacted] but was unsuccessful. The informant stated that [redacted] telephone number in Washington, D.C. was [redacted]

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At 10:55 A.M. BERT COPLON advised one FREDDY that BERT was leaving for Washington by automobile at 4 P.M.

out { It will be recalled that the purpose of this trip was to enable BERT COPLON to pick up COPLON'S belongings at her apartment and some of her possessions at the Department of Justice building.

At 11:35 A.M. BERT COPLON advised JUDY that he would stay at the Raleigh Hotel in Washington, either under his own name or under the name of THEODORE FRUDENHEIM (who was making the trip with BERT). JUDY told BERT that she had confidence in her lawyer (ARCHIBALD PALMER).

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At 3:32 P.M. BERT COPLON advised ARCHIBALD PALMER that he would like to clean out JUDY'S apartment and office the following day. PALMER instructed him as to who he should contact at the FBI office in Washington.

At 5:40 P.M. the informant stated that JUDY COPLON was in ARCHIBALD PALMER'S office and advised her sister-in-law, SHIRLEY COPLON, as follows: "For various reasons I suggest I get to a typewriter as soon as I can, and I think I might come down tomorrow and use the typewriter in ARCHIE'S office, the only problem being about the time and when I can leave". The conversation indicated that COPLON did not like to leave SHIRLEY alone with her mother because of her father's ill condition. SHIRLEY suggested that JUDY pick up SHIRLEY'S typewriter, to which JUDY replied that SID BERNAN stated that he would pick it up. JUDY said that she is convinced in one sense that it would be better for her to do the typing in ARCHIE'S office because of the noise.

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JUDY told SHIRLEY that she had been talking with a female newspaper reporter.

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At 9:33 A.M. Mrs. COPLON advised an unknown woman that JUDY was doing some kind of work and that JUDY had been "advised to work". Mrs. COPLON stated that JUDY goes away during the day and comes back for dinner.

advised his wife Shirley that he

At 11:50 A.M. the informant advised that BERT COPLON was just about to go over to the Department of Justice building and clean out JUDY'S desk. The informant stated that BERT'S wife, SHIRLEY COPLON, was very anxious to let ARCHIE (PALMER) know when the desk had been emptied. The informant stated that at this time JUDY was in PALMER'S office.

MARCH 28th

At 9:40 A.M. COPLON told her cousin, [] that she had to see her attorney at 5 P.M. and that she had to bring him something which she, COPLON, must work on today. JUDITH stated that BERT brought back all her stuff from Washington and that TEDDY FRUDENHEIM had gone to Washington with BERT. JUDY said that probably her typewriter and phonograph were in back of BERT'S car.

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At 10:15 A.M. PALMER wanted to know if BERT COPLON returned from Washington. JUDITH said that he had and that he obtained "her things from her apartment and office", but added that they could not find her typewriter. PALMER said, "Oh, my God", and added quickly that they were probably keeping it to find out if they could identify the typewriter, but that they (probably referring to the FBI) should have notified someone of its detention. PALMER added that he was going to complain about this. JUDITH said that BERT told her that WHEARTY had asked BERT if PALMER was going to stay on the case and further, if PALMER were going through with the trial on April 1st. JUDY said that BERT did not answer but changed the subject and stated that he was more interested in his father. PALMER stated that WHEARTY was bluffing.

PALMER said that WHEARTY was supposed to be in New York on the instant date and added that he, PALMER, was going to see JUDITH at 5 P.M. on the instant date.

At 12:05 P.M. the informant advised that in a conversation between JUDITH and BERT COPLON, JUDITH appeared very anxious about her typewriter not being among her things, which BERT had obtained in Washington. JUDY asked BERT if he had signed for the material that he had taken from her place. BERT said that he had signed a paper to the effect that an FBI agent had helped him clean the stuff out, but that he could not sign a paper that the material was all there, because he did not know what should have been there.

At 1:21 P.M. JUDY asked TEDDY FRUDENHEIM whether he saw the typewriter in Washington, D.C. TEDDY said that he did not see it. JUDY described the typewriter as a black portable in the usual case. She asked many questions about the manner in which TEDDY and BERT looked for the typewriter and stated that it was very strange that it was not in the apartment. She added that she would take it up with her lawyer.

At 2:15 P.M. PALMER advised BERT COPLON that he had expected the FBI would get the typewriter, inasmuch as they needed it to make tests. BERT told PALMER (that WHEARTY told him that GUBITCHEV would probably be walking around a free man within a short time and that JUDY would be bearing the brunt. PALMER said he expected that. PALMER mentioned the fact that JUDY and GUBITCHEV may have a deep friendship or might have even been in love.

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out { BERT and PALMER then engaged in some "double talk" which the informant thought was a discussion of the attitude of the press toward COPLON'S cause and the fact that COPLON was in good relations with the press. PALMER then said that he had another idea which was entirely different.

JUDITH then began talking to PALMER and said that she has received no mail from her Washington address and that it was absurd because it had been almost a month. PALMER said that he would find out about that when he saw the FBI.

out { The informant stated that during the afternoon and early evening the condition of SAMUEL COPLON, JUDITH'S father, became very serious and he was definitely near death.

At 10:05 P.M. on the above date an unknown woman asked JUDY COPLON for the telephone number of BERT KAYE (JUDY'S cousin). JUDY said that it was Endicott 2-2900, apartment 24, at the Hotel Anderson. There was then a discussion as to who they could get to come over to the house to help. JUDY then said that it would be a good idea to contact the lawyer, DAVE, for "general apprehension", not immediately, but to be ready. The informant did not know what she meant by this statement.

MARCH 29th *out* { The informant advised that SAMUEL COPLON passed away shortly before 12:30 A.M. on instant date.

out { The informant advised that possibly the DAVE referred to above resides in New Jersey, with telephone number Bergen 2-1930.

At 9:09 A.M. JUDITH advised ARCHIBALD PALMER that her father passed away at 12:20 A.M. PALMER said that he would get the court's permission for JUDY to attend the funeral, which JUDY stated would be in New Jersey.

At 9:30 A.M. PALMER advised COPLON that he had talked with the FBI about JUDY'S pocketbook and typewriter. PALMER wanted to know what make it was. JUDY said that it was a Corona portable and was new around 1942. PALMER then asked for background information on the family. COPLON stated that her father, SAMUEL, was born in Troy, New York in 1879. Mrs. COPLON was born in Albany. They were married around 35 years. BERT and JUDITH are the only two children. SAMUEL COPLON

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retired from business about five years ago and BERT took over. Both BERT and JUDITH were born in Brooklyn, BERT being 32 years of age and JUDY will be 28 in May.

The informant advised that at 10:20 A.M. JUDY told PALMER that the newspaper reporters had started to come over. She wanted to know if it was all right for her to refer them to PALMER for details.

At 11:35 a.m. PALMER advised JUDITH that he had just spoken with Mr. WHEARTY and that WHEARTY had advised that the typewriter was taken under a search warrant and is presently in the Laboratory being tested.

PALMER then told BERT COPLON that he wanted to attend the funeral with the family to help prove his stand that he is a friend of the family.

At 3:00 P.M. COPLON gave PALMER some more background information on the family. She said that her father was in the Spanish-American War and that his (SAMUEL'S) mother's father came to this country prior to the Civil War. She said that BERT COPLON was in the last war in the Anti-Aircraft Division. PALMER told COPLON the case had been adjourned and would not be held on April 1st.

MARCH 30th

At 11:46 P.M. PALMER told JUDY that he arranged that she would not have to be present in court Friday (April 1st). He said that JUDY should stay around the house Thursday and Friday and as long as she is doing that, she should get busy on that business, and thus she will have an opportunity to do what she wants to do.

MARCH 31st

At 11:59 A.M. one ETHEL (possibly ETHEL COPLON) advised JUDY that she met MARSHA'S mother (probably referring to the mother of MARSHA LESSER). ETHEL said that MARSHA had "had a visit" (presumably referring to Mrs. LESSER being interviewed by FBI agents). JUDY said that she would like to see MARSHA but that it was up to MARSHA. JUDY said that she is refraining from calling anyone because she doesn't want to involve them. JUDY added that it must be terrible for those people to be interrogated. JUDY said that MARSHA was probably interrogated because of COPLON'S visit to MARSHA over the weekend previous to her arrest.

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At 9:11 P.M. COPLON told PALMER that she had not done much during the day. PALMER said that he would be in court the following day and would tell her about it. JUDY said that she had a long talk with "him" the previous day. JUDY said that the day before yesterday all of her mail which had accumulated since she left Washington had been sent to her in one bunch. JUDY said that it had been a long day but that she did not know "how profitable it was".

APRIL 1st

At 12:15 P.M. ARCHIBALD PALMER asked BERT COPLON, how much SAM COPLON had left. BERT informed him that SAM COPLON had an \$18,000 insurance policy and that was all he had left. BERT said that \$10,000 had been borrowed on the policy to provide the bail in Washington, D.C. and added that he wanted the remaining \$8,000 to repay some individuals who had lent him money in making up the \$20,000 bail in New York City. BERT said that the insurance was left to his mother. PALMER explained to COPLON that he was asking about the finances of the family because he expected to make an appeal to the court to return some of the bail.

At 1:03 P.M. PALMER advised JUDY that the "gentleman from foreign parts" (referring to GUBITCHEV) objected to his (ARCHIBALD'S) asking for an adjournment and further, that the man wanted to go to trial at once. They agreed to see each other at 5:30 P.M. on Monday evening. JUDY was anxious to know on what grounds PALMER had asked for the adjournment. PALMER stated that it was based on the loss of her father.

At 1:37 P.M. COPLON was unsuccessful in locating a MYRON COHON, whom she thought resided at 789 West End Avenue.

✓ APRIL 2nd

At 7:40 P.M. SHIRLEY COPLON, JUDY'S sister-in-law, told one BLOSSOM, a friend of JUDY'S, that JUDY would like to see BLOSSOM, and suggested that BLOSSOM get in touch with BERT COPLON at the latter's office. During the conversation it was indicated BLOSSOM had a four months' old baby.

APRIL 4th

At 10:07 P.M. the informant advised that DR. LAZARUS, the COPLON family's physician, tried to get BERT COPLON to go to a psychiatrist. BERT said that he did not want to go, but if the doctor could get SHIRLEY, BERT'S wife, to see a psychiatrist, then he, BERT, would go. BERT said that he had no desire to live with his wife any longer and that he hated her. It was indicated that BERT was of the opinion that his mother-in-law was the cause of the whole thing.

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APRIL 5th

The informant advised on instant date that BERT COPLON was contemplating separating from his wife.

During the evening, in a conversation between JUDITH COPLON and SHIRLEY COPLON, JUDITH stated that she just could not stand it any more, that "he's starting the same thing tonight as last night". JUDY indicated that BERT was probably making remarks at her, inasmuch as JUDY said "The crassness of his exploration of me is getting to be too much". SHIRLEY offered to let JUDY use SHIRLEY'S place in New York, but stated that BERT had the key, so that wouldn't work.

At 9:37 P.M. COPLON and SID BERMAN tried to agree on having lunch or dinner the following day.

APRIL 6th

At 11:15 A.M. one TEDDY told Mrs. COPLON that he would like to see JUDY. He said he is making "the pictures" and asks that JUDY get in touch with him. The informant stated that TEDDY could be reached at Plaza 3-9681.

out { At 11:55 A.M. the informant advised that the BLOSSOM referred to above was probably a woman who had gone to Madison High School with JUDY. The informant stated that BLOSSOM has not seen JUDY for two years. BLOSSOM'S husband's name is MIKE.

out { At 9:15 P.M. the informant advised that COPLON had spent the evening with SID BERMAN.

APRIL 7th

At 11:35 A.M. Mrs. COPLON advised SHIRLEY COPLON that JUDY saw ARCHIE (PALMER) and SID (BERMAN) the previous day and added that JUDY had an appointment with ARCHIE on the instant date.

At 3:50 P.M. BERT COPLON advised his mother that a THELMA AUGUST, or ROSENBERG, had been trying to get in touch with JUDY. The informant ascertained that THELMA'S telephone number was Ravenswood 6-3245.

APRIL 8th

At 8:03 P.M. ARCHIE PALMER told JUDY that he wanted her to get copies of the newspaper articles from March 4th and thereafter until they went to Washington. He said he had the "New York Times" articles. He said it was important to get these articles and the two agreed to see each other the following morning.

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APRIL 10th

At 5:07 P.M. JUDY advised THELMA (probably identical with the one mentioned above) that she has to see her lawyer late every day. THELMA said that a former fellow High School friend had tried to arrange an interview with JUDY through THELMA for "Plain Talk". JUDY said that she does not have to appear in court on April 14th. THELMA and JUDY talk of their classmates and JUDY'S experiences in jail.

APRIL 11th

At 9:35 A.M. Mrs. COPLON, in a conversation with an unknown man, stated that JUDY was typing.

At 12:26 P.M. COPLON advised LLOYD WEINBERGER of ARCHIBALD PALMER'S office that she was attempting to get the particular issues of the "New York Times" from March 6th on, which contained articles about the case.

At 1:41 P.M. BERT COPLON advised JUDY that the previous evening WALTER WINCHELL, in his broadcast, stated that JUDY COPLON denied being a member of the Communist Party and that the FBI has a great surprise for her. JUDY then laughed and said it would be quite a surprise.

At 8:30 P.M. PALMER advised BERT COPLON that the morning and evening sessions that PALMER and JUDY were having are bringing results. He stated "we're progressing and the facts are really going to show up". PALMER wanted to know if he was going to see BERT the following day and BERT said "I told you I was going to try to get that to you by Tuesday". PALMER then said, "I want you to know the name of COPLON is not going down in disgrace". BERT then said, "You heard what your no good friend said last night" (referring to WALTER WINCHELL), to which ARCHIE said, "That don't mean a thing to me. Maybe we will surprise them--let them say what they want and let us come out with one bang in one minute".

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APRIL 12, 1949

At 12:03 p.m., an unknown man connected with ARCHIBALD PALMER'S Office, advised COPLON that "The Russian" (referring to GUPITCHEV) had made long speeches at the hearing and that the trial had been adjourned until May 2. COPLON indicated that she was going to see ARCHIE at 2 p.m. at the latter's office.

out { At 6:30 p.m. informant advised that COPLON at that time was in PALMER'S Office and would have dinner with him.

APRIL 13, 1949

At 11:25 a.m., on instant date, BERT COPLON read a newspaper article to JUDITH to the effect that GUPITCHEV might be set free inasmuch as the Soviet Union might put up the \$100,000.00 bail. JUDITH only remark was, "It is very interesting".

At 3:38 p.m., on instant date, JUDITH advised ARCHIE PALMER of the fact that GUBITCHEV might possibly raise bail. PALMER had not read the article.

out { At 11 p.m., ARCHIE PALMER and JUDITH COPLON were engaged in "double talk" which the informant did not understand. PALMER wanted to know whether he could ascertain the antecedence of that jet, its work or stuff. - - limbo of past." COPLON merely said, "Yeah, Yeah".

out { The two then engaged in a discussion of the fact that possibly GUPITCHEV does not have immunity or else the Russians would not be attempting to put up bail.

✓ APRIL 14, 1949

At 6:10 p.m., on instant date, COPLON advised ARCHIE PALMER that she "just wanted to tell you that everything in life has its compensation

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"and I got a compensation today and I will tell you about it when I see you". ARCHIE said that he did not understand what COPLON meant and wanted to know if she got it after she left him (on the instant date). JUDY said that she had and that she would tell ARCHIE about it when she saw him.

At 8:01 p.m. PALMER and COPLON discussed an article in the "Brooklyn Eagle" newspaper. This article was concerned with the hearing on the instant date. COPLON said that she would meet ARCHIE at 5:30 p.m. the following day and he said he would have the Washington paper articles for her. They were particularly interested in an article by ANDREW TULLY captioned, "A Nice Average Girl".
(COPLOON goes in)

APRIL 15, 1949

At 2:57 p.m., on the instant date, the informant advised that COPLON was in contact with a woman believed to be THELMA ROSENBERG who, at that time, was being visited by EDNA STERN of Washington, D.C. At first JUDY did not remember who EDNA STERN was. During the conversation between EDNA and JUDY, the former indicated that she had spent the previous Sunday with [redacted] (probably [redacted]) and that EDNA wanted to know if she or [redacted] could do anything for JUDY. JUDY said that there was nothing they could do for her and added that she had received a letter from [redacted] but did not want to answer it.

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out { The BLOSSOM referred to above as having been in contact with COPLON on April 2 and April 6, 1949, is believed to be the former FLOSSOM WINKLER who attended the James Madison High School in Brooklyn, New York, with COPLON.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will attempt to identify MYRON COHON, who possibly resides at 789 West End Avenue and who COPLON tried to contact on April 1, 1949.

Will ascertain the subscriber to telephone PD. 3-9681, where one TEDDY told Mrs. COPLON that JUDY could reach him as he had some pictures.

Will identify THELMA AUGUST or ROSENBERG, Ravenswood 6-3245, inasmuch as COPLON was supposed to contact this person on April 7, 1949.

Will identify BLOSSOM (possibly BLOSSOM WINKLER), who conferred with COPLON on April 2nd and 6th, 1949.

Will interview PHILIP PAVIA concerning his association with COPLON upon receipt of Bureau authority.

Will follow prosecution of this case.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., dated April 21, 1949, at New York City, are identified as follows:

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T-2

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Conde Nast Publications
420 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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[REDACTED]

475 5th Avenue
New York City

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A highly confidential source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] upon his return from Europe on
May 23, 1947.

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The Newark Field Division has been requested to interview EMMA L. SOUDERS and [redacted] who were employed at the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice at New York City at the same time as COPLON.

The lead in the referenced report to obtain additional information on [redacted] et al, is being disregarded. inasmuch as these women were not employed by the Office of War Information.

The lead in the referenced report to identify GEORGE GARILLE, a contact of PHILIP PAVIA, is being disregarded, as it is contemplated by the New York Office to interview PAVIA upon receipt of Bureau authority.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ET AL

DATE: April 18, 1949

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 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
 Mr. Gurnea ✓
 Mr. Harbo ✓
 Mr. Mohr ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Holmes ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

At 1:00 p.m. today, Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department called and stated that the Coplon case will go to trial in Washington this coming Monday. He stated that he would like to have some copies of the photograph of the subject, Gubitchev. He further stated that it was planned at the present time that he and Mr. Kelley in preparing the case for trial will interview all of the Bureau personnel involved in the various surveillances. To accomplish this, they would like to have the personnel come to Washington to be available Saturday morning, April 23, 1949. He stated that it would not be necessary for SAC Scheidt and Special Agents McGarr and McDonough to be present. He also wished that all of the original pertinent exhibits in this case be brought down at that time.

He requested that Mr. Belmont be instructed to ask Mr. Donegan to secure a certified copy of the Court proceedings which took place in this matter in New York City at 11:00 a.m., March 5, 1949. He stated also that he noted that a Bureau stenographer had been present at the arraignment of Coplon and Gubitchev about 4:00 a.m. and again at 6:30 a.m. that date, and he would like to have a copy of her transcription. He stated that the purpose of the certified copy of the proceedings was to prove that Gubitchev had admitted that he was connected with the United Nations.

It will be noted that all of the personnel who are to come in this coming Saturday will be held over during the trial until they have appeared as witnesses.

I have alerted Mr. Belmont to the request of Mr. Whearty concerning the personnel being available this coming Saturday and I have also told him to get in touch with Mr. Donegan as requested by Mr. Whearty. I told Mr. Belmont that he would be definitely instructed as to what personnel should be available at Washington this coming weekend.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that ASAC Belmont be instructed to have the employees desired by Mr. Whearty present in Washington Saturday, April 23, 1949. The names of the employees involved are attached.

Attachment

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LIST OF WITNESSES

- (1) Brennan, Richard E., Special Agent
- (2) Carey, Martin F., Special Agent
- (3) Condon, Catherine T., Stenographer ✓
- (4) Daley, John P., Special Agent
- (5) Garde, Daniel F., Special Agent
- (6) Granville, Robert R., Special Agent
- (7) Hradsky, Richard T., Special Agent
- (8) Kolar, William A., Special Agent
- (9) Malley, John F., Special Agent
- (10) Manos, Sappho, Chief Clerk of New York Office ✓
- (11) McAndrews, T. J., Special Agent
- (12) McCarthy, Edw. F., Special Agent
- (13) McGuinn, Martin J., Special Agent
- (14) Miller, T. Scott, Jr., Special Agent
- (15) Murphy, John R., Jr., Special Agent
- (16) Robinson, Roger W., Special Agent
- (17) Ward, John J., Special Agent
- (18) Wilson, Brewer, Special Agent
- (19) Wirth, Robert J., Special Agent
- (20) Wirth, R. P., Special Agent
- (21) Zoeller, Thos. H., Special Agent

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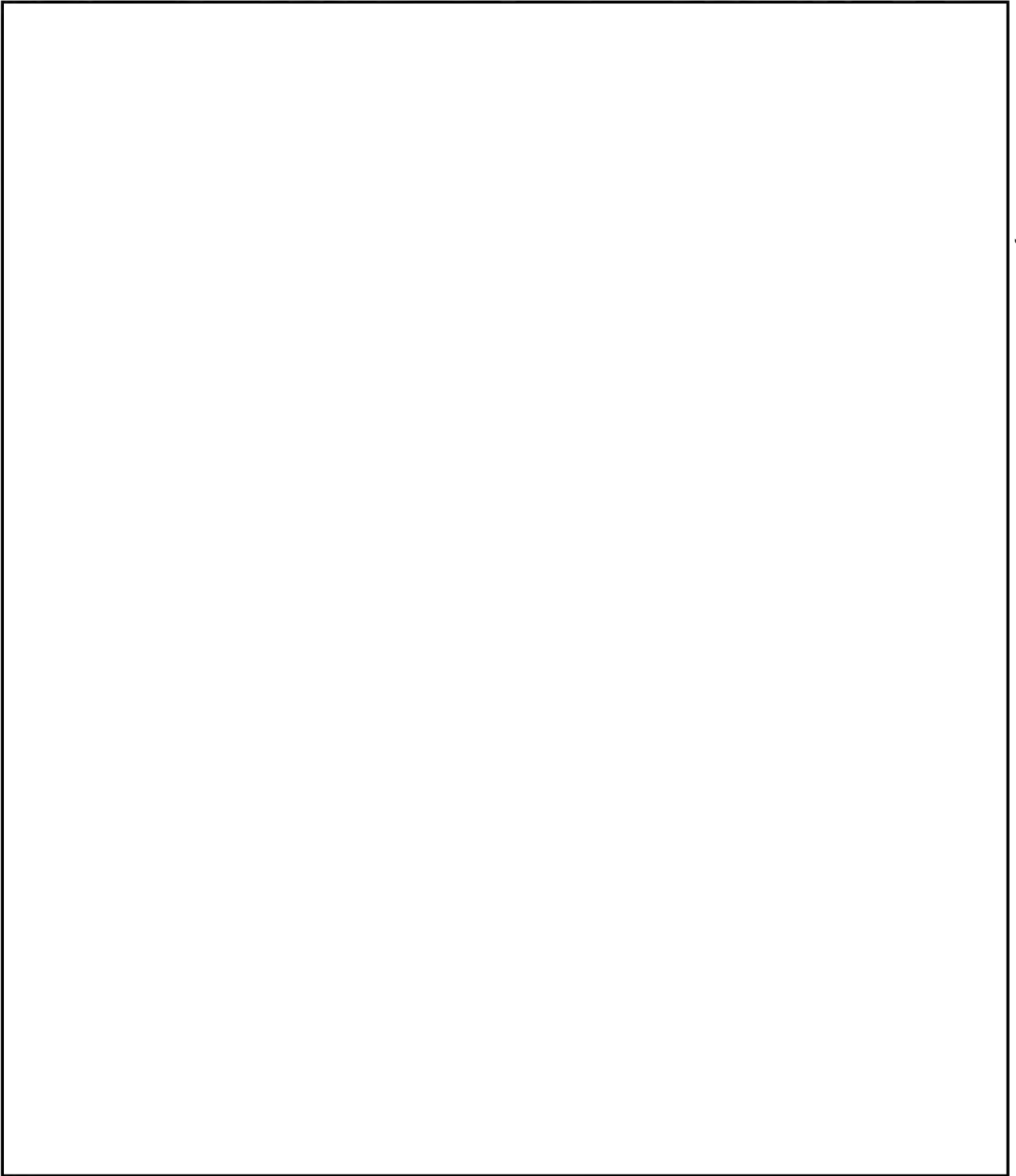
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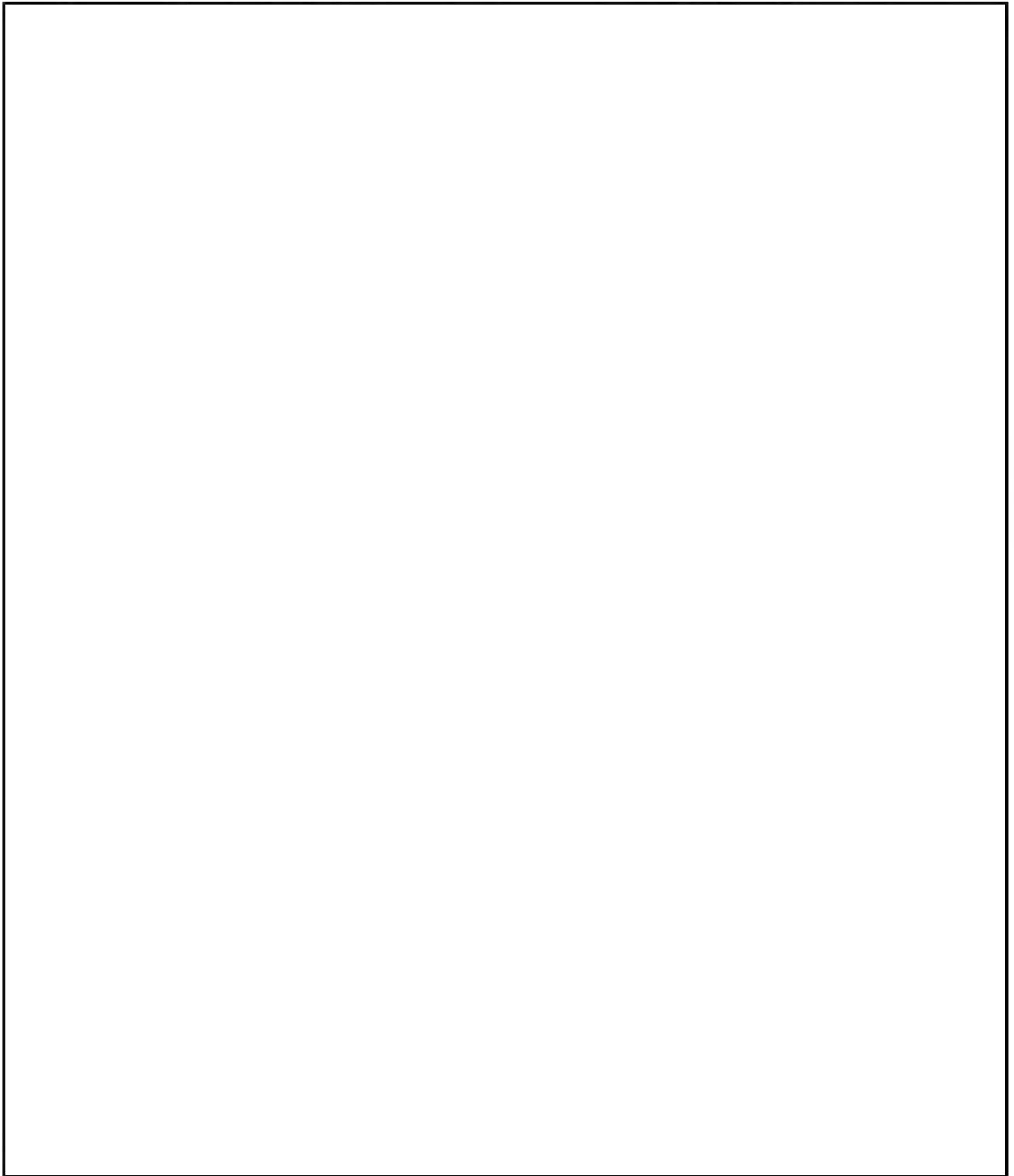
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The source of the above-referred to information, particularly the references to the subject's bank accounts in Washington, D. C., was obtained through confidential sources. This fact should be borne in mind in utilizing the information.

The supporting figures for the comments previously made in this report are contained in the Accountant's work papers entitled "Analysis of JUDITH COPLON'S Financial Transactions." The Accountant's work papers will be retained in the files of the Washington Field Office.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will follow and report pertinent developments of this case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

If it is desired that the bank records involving the checking accounts of JUDITH COPLON be utilized in court, the following individuals should be subpoenaed to produce these records: MR. CLEARANCE BURTON, President, City Bank, Washington, D. C.; and MR. WILLIAM HARRIS, Auditor, Lincoln National Bank, Washington, D. C.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

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Reference is made to my memorandum of April 18, 1949, which relates to Mr. Whearty's request that the personnel of the New York Office come in this coming Saturday for a pre-trial interview by Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly, it being indicated that this personnel, totalling 21 persons, would be held over for the trial during the coming week. The Director inquired as to whether it was necessary that all of the 21 be held over.

I discussed this matter again with Mr. Whearty at noon today. He stated that it was necessary that they have an opportunity to discuss with the various Agents the details of the surveillances prior to Monday. I told him I would like to stagger them in if possible, some Saturday morning, some Saturday afternoon and some Sunday morning. He thought this could be arranged, but he said it would take a day or two because they still had some questions to settle about the trial with Mr. Morris Fay, U. S. Attorney. He stated actually the case had not been assigned to any Judge as of this date for the trial. He stated that he believed the trial would begin Monday with the selection of the Jury and if everything proceeds as is expected the testimony to be offered will probably open the same day and at least will be open on Tuesday. He advised that a number of Agents had participated in three different surveillances - one in January, one in February and the March 4 surveillance, and it was impossible to put them on and have them tell in detail the part they took in each surveillance. He stated it was planned, with the permission of the Court, to put on each Agent necessary to cover the details of the individual surveillances and then recall the Agent later on to detail the second and third surveillances in order. He stated this would be necessary to provide continuity in the testimony and to give the Jury a complete picture of each surveillance. He stated otherwise the testimony would be submitted in an unrelated manner without proper continuity. Mr. Whearty stated that this requires the personnel to remain available on a day to day basis to fill in gaps.

Mr. Whearty advised that he was aware that this was a large number of personnel to pull from a Bureau field office, but he could see no alternative, and he assured me that everything that could be done to alleviate the situation would be done, but the very nature of the expected testimony practically precludes any other approach than to have the witnesses available on a day to day basis. He did state that he thought the two employees of the New York Office who participated in these surveillances, Catherine T. Condon, Stenographer, and Sappho Manos, Chief Clerk, could probably avoid pre-trial conferences and come down only when called specially. He advised me that he would within the next day or two, inform me definitely as to whom he wants to see on Saturday and whom he wishes to see on Sunday, and perhaps he can also within a day or two be of assistance

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Memo for Mr. Ladd

in avoiding, at least in part, the necessity of having all of the personnel remain in Washington during the entire course of the trial.

I will follow this matter again with Mr. Whearty on this coming Thursday.

Well I guess we have to
do it but it certainly is
a waste of man-power &
money. This fellow Whearty
acts like the rest of these
Special Assts - no conception
of the problems involved.

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WFO, Washington Field

April 21, 1949

Director, FBI

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The Bureau has been advised that the trial of Judith Caplan will begin this coming week at Washington, D. C. and all personnel who are potential witnesses should be alerted and should be available when necessary to appear as witnesses. Many (do not know) large number of Bureau employees from the New York Office will come to Washington as witnesses and they will be instructed to report to your office the same as any other Bureau employee coming into your field division from another office.

You should be certain that if they are not occupied in connection with their own work as witnesses, they should be available to your office for the handling of investigations relating to their time will, visit.

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At 2:50 P.M. today Mr. Ray Whearty called me and stated that he and Mr. Kelly planned to go to New York tomorrow morning by air, arriving at 9:35 A.M. at LaGuardia Field. He stated thereafter they would like to have the assistance of the New York Office in taking them to various locations such as the 193rd Street and Broadway vicinity, the 42nd and 9th Avenue vicinity and other places which are pertinent in the various surveillances conducted of Coplon and Gubitchev. They desire to do this to refresh their memory and to get a better picture of the conditions under which the surveillances were conducted.

He stated also that instead of all of the New York employees coming to Washington, he and Mr. Kelly, after they have completed their survey which they anticipate will be done by noon, will proceed to the New York Office and go over with the 20 odd employees at the New York Office their testimony with respect to these surveillances. This action on the part of Mr. Whearty will make it unnecessary for this personnel to come to Washington either Saturday or Sunday and will probably be very helpful in having them come down next week as required rather than en masse. Mr. Whearty stated they would attempt to finish the interview with the personnel sometime Friday night but if it could not be done, they would remain over Saturday as long as necessary.

I told Mr. Whearty that the arrangements and suggestions were very satisfactory.

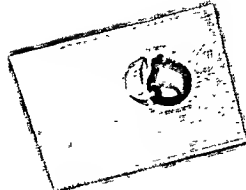
At 3:00 P.M. I talked with Supervisor Tuohy in the absence of Mr. Belmont and advised him that Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelly were coming to New York tomorrow morning and that the New York Office should arrange to see that they were taken around New York to the various locations they wanted to look over. I also informed Mr. Tuohy that after that survey had been completed, they would proceed with the interviews with the 20 odd Bureau employees who would be called as witnesses and the New York Office should arrange for that to take place Friday afternoon and, if necessary, Saturday.

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ENGLEWOOD, NJ. AT TEN TWENTY AM, SUBJECT CONTACTED HER ATTORNEY,
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DIRECTED HER TO COME TO HIS OFFICE AND START WORKING ON THE
TYPEWRITER. SHE ASKED IF HE HAD BROUGHT SOME OF THE GREEN BOOKS
AND HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD BROUGHT EVERYTHING THEY HAD IN THE
BRIEF CASE WHICH THEY HAD IN COURT YESTERDAY. NO FURTHER DETAILS
AVAILABLE. DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 4-21-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-19, 20, 21-49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN W. POWELL
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] Pine Brook, New Jersey, presently touring Europe and unavailable for interview. Her father [redacted] states she knew subject quite well while attending Bernard College and later worked with subject at United States Department of Justice, N.Y.C. He states [redacted] "very surprised" at newspaper publicity re subject and made statements to him that COPLON had never shown any "Communist sympathy". Mrs. DANIEL HAGEMAN, former fellow employee of subject at U.S. Department of Justice, N.Y.C., could supply no pertinent information regarding her.

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REFERENCES: New York teletypes to Bureau, Washington Field, and Newark dated April 18, 1949.

DETAILS: Referenced teletype requested that [redacted] Montville, New Jersey, who attended Bernard College with the subject and who after graduation worked with her at the Economic Warfare Section, War Division, United States Department of Justice, New York City, be interviewed regarding the subject.

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[redacted] Pine Brook, New Jersey, stated that he is the [redacted] of [redacted] and that [redacted] is presently in Switzerland on a tour of Europe. [redacted] stated that his daughter left New York on Tuesday, April 12, 1949 and is not expected to return to this country for at least three months. [redacted] stated that "he imagined that this inquiry was in regard to JUDITH COPLON". He volunteered the information that [redacted] had known JUDITH COPLON

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"quite well" while attending Bernard College with her and had also known COPLON while working with her in the Economic Warfare Section of the United States Department of Justice in New York City from approximately 1943 to 1945. [] said that when recent publicity had appeared in the newspapers regarding JUDITH COPLON, [] had spoke of her association with COPLON and had then been "very surprised" at COPLON's alleged espionage activities. [] stated that [] had said on this occasion that COPLON "had never shown any Communist sympathy" during the time that she had known her and had made statements to the effect that COPLON had never given her any reason to believe that she was disloyal to the United States or engaged in espionage activities. [] stated that he did not know JUDITH COPLON himself and could not give the names of any of her associates. b6 b7C

Mrs. DANIEL HAGEMAN, nee EMMA L. SOUDERS, 40 Shadow Lake Drive, River Plaza, Red Bank, New Jersey, stated that she worked in the Economic Warfare Section of the Department of Justice in New York City from July to the latter part of October, 1944 and during this period she had a speaking acquaintance with the subject. Mrs. HAGEMAN said that her association with COPLON was limited to this and that she knew nothing about her friends, contacts, or any sympathies she might have that would be detrimental to the United States. Mrs. HAGEMAN said that she did not know whether or not the subject had ever taken any material home with her at the termination of her day's work and said that she could furnish no pertinent information regarding the subject. She did recall that COPLON made frequent trips to Washington, D. C. during the period that she had known her slightly as a fellow employee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Investigation at Red Bank, New Jersey was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. McLAUGHLIN.

It is noted that [redacted] was investigated by this office in 1943 and that no derogatory information concerning her character or her loyalty to the United States was developed. This investigation was reported in the report of Special Agent STANLEY THOMAS dated August 21, 1943 at Newark, New Jersey entitled [redacted] Employee Investigation, Office for Emergency--Management".

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/28/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/2-3/28/49	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT J. WIRTH
TITLE CHANGED: VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, was. Valentin Alekseevich Gubitchev, V. Gubitzev			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;">STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL</div> <p>Federal Grand Jury sitting in SDNY on 3/10/49 returned an indictment of 4 counts charging JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE GUBITCHEV with violations of Sections 371, 793, 794, and 2071, Title 18, USC. GUBITCHEV appeared before U.S. Judge SIMON RIFKIND, U.S. District Court, SDNY, for pleading 3/11/49. Hearing continued to 3/14/49 as Judge RIFKIND refused to take a pleading from GUBITCHEV in absence of counsel. On 3/14/49 GUBITCHEV'S hearing continued to 3/15/49 as subject undecided as to his acceptance of Court appointed attorney, FOWLER HAMILTON. GUBITCHEV arraigned 3/15/49 before Judge RIFKIND, refused to accept the services of Court appointed counsel, and stood mute to the charges. The Court entered a plea of not guilty for GUBITCHEV. GUBITCHEV held in default of bail (\$100,000.00). Trial date was set for 4/1/49. [The \$20.00 bill, part of \$125.00 contained in envelope removed from GUBITCHEV after his arrest, was included in shipment of new currency delivered to the USSR Consulate, NYC, under direction of State Bank of USSR by Federal Reserve Bank, NYC, on 7/30/46.] Results of Laboratory examination set forth. Contacts and associates of GUBITCHEV identified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, New York, 3/8/49, entitled "JUDITH COPLON; VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, was; ESPIONAGE - R".</p>			
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~DETAILS: At New York, New York.

The title of this case is being marked changed and the above aliases of subject have been added per this investigation.

I. PROSECUTIVE ACTION TO DATEIndictment

The facts concerning the JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV case were presented to the Grand Jury sitting in the Southern District of New York, on March 9, 1949. An indictment was returned on March 10, 1949, consisting of four counts. The first and third counts of the indictment pertaining to VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV and the first, second and fourth counts pertaining to JUDITH COPLON, the counts being for violation of Sections 371, 793, 794, and 2071, Title 18 U.S.C.

The Grand Jury charged in their first count that JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE GUBITCHEV had conspired to violate the Espionage Statute (Section 371, Title 18, U. S. Code) and in the third count, which pertained to VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, they charged him with violating Section 793, Title 18, U. S. Code in attempting espionage. The above information was furnished telephonically to the Bureau by ASAC A. H. BELMONT on March 10, 1949. A copy of the indictment was also mailed to the Bureau on that date.

Arraignment

On March 11, 1949, JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV were arraigned before Judge SIMON H. RIFKIND, Southern District of New York, the arraignment starting at about 10:50 A. M.

JUDITH COPLON pleaded not guilty to the three counts in the indictment effecting her and the trial date was set for April 1, 1949, after COPLON's defense attorney had asked for an additional week beyond the time of March 25, 1949, which date the Government had requested as a starting time for the trial.

Mr. WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, asked for \$50,000 bail, however, Judge RIFKIND set JUDITH COPLON's bail at \$20,000.

Defendant GUBITCHEV was asked by the court whether he had counsel and he said that he did not and did not desire counsel. The court advised that the UN had indicated an interest in counsel for GUBITCHEV and that in regard to this matter, Judge RIFKIND was arranging a conference on the afternoon of that date, in his chambers, which should be attended by

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defendant GUBITCHEV, UN representatives and the Department of Justice representatives. Defendant GUBITCHEV stated that he was not interested in obtaining an attorney and, therefore, the judge cancelled this conference. Throughout this proceeding concerning GUBITCHEV an interpreter was used inasmuch as GUBITCHEV would speak only in Russian. GUBITCHEV then made a short statement to the court to the effect that he was illegally arrested as he had diplomatic status and that the arrest was a provocation.

The court advised that in view of the gravity of the charges it was a necessity that GUBITCHEV know his rights and privileges, as well as the procedure used in courts in the United States, therefore, he should be represented by counsel and that, accordingly, the court would appoint an attorney which would be designated later in the day. Judge RIFKIND refused to take a pleading from GUBITCHEV in the absence of counsel and set an additional Hearing for pleading by GUBITCHEV on March 14, 1949. On March 14, 1949, defendant GUBITCHEV was again brought before Judge SIMON RIFKIND, U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

Judge RIFKIND informed defendant GUBITCHEV that he had appointed FOWLER HAMILTON (a former Special Assistant to the United States Attorney General, presently with the law firm of CLEARY, GOTTlieb, FRIENDLY & COX, 52 Wall Street, New York City) as his (GUBITCHEV's) attorney. Judge RIFKIND advised defendant GUBITCHEV that he would be tried and that he needed counsel to represent him, stating that without counsel, he, GUBITCHEV, would suffer in any Hearing to determine whether he actually is subject to the laws of the country or whether he has diplomatic immunity. GUBITCHEV requested an interpreter and proceeded to make a couple of speeches to the effect that he had been snatched off the street by unidentified persons and as of that time did not know whether he was under arrest or not, that foreign diplomats in his country were not treated in the manner in which he was treated and that the whole affair seemed to be a comedy resembling the Inquisition of the Middle Ages; The Judge then explained that apparently GUBITCHEV did not understand the term arrest because he, GUBITCHEV, had been arrested and brought immediately before a Federal Judge at which time his, GUBITCHEV's, rights were explained to him. Judge RIFKIND further stated that GUBITCHEV had been given every consideration and that the proceedings had been explained to him step by step and that under no circumstances should he regard the proceedings as a comedy. Judge RIFKIND went on to state that he wanted GUBITCHEV to understand the seriousness of the situation with which he was faced and to be sure that he handled himself accordingly.

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Judge RIFKIND then tried to get defendant GUBITCHEV to say whether he would accept HAMILTON as his attorney. He explained that the question concerning GUBITCHEV's diplomatic immunity would have to be presented to the court and that he would need counsel to take care of this matter. GUBITCHEV said that the court did not give him diplomatic immunity in the first instance and, therefore, the court was not in a position to decide on the question of diplomatic immunity, to which Judge RIFKIND said that the court did not initiate many things, but it still had jurisdiction to decide on questions arising therefrom. GUBITCHEV finally stated that he would like to have a couple of days to think it over and the Judge gave him until 10:30 A. M., March 15, 1949, to decide whether he would accept FOWLER HAMILTON as his attorney.

On March 15, 1949, at approximately 10:30 A. M., defendant GUBITCHEV appeared before Judge SIMON RIFKIND, U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, in accordance with the court instructions issued on March 14, 1949. GUBITCHEV was asked whether he would accept Mr. HAMILTON as his attorney and he made a short speech to the effect that inasmuch as this charge was a dirty, political maneuver to inflame the emotions of the people in this country against his country, and inasmuch as he did not consider himself a criminal and considered himself immune to this court as a diplomat, he would not accept counsel. The court then instructed that the two counts of the indictment pertaining to GUBITCHEV (which have previously been set forth in this report) be read to GUBITCHEV with the instructions that he, GUBITCHEV, either plead guilty, not guilty, or stand mute. Defendant GUBITCHEV stood mute and the court entered a plea of not guilty for GUBITCHEV and trial was set for April 1, 1949. Bail was continued at \$100,000.

The court discharged Mr. FOWLER HAMILTON from his responsibilities as court appointed counsel for the defendant, but requested Mr. HAMILTON as amicus curiae to submit for the court's edification and perusal any and all information or decisions which would be of assistance to the court in passing on the question of GUBITCHEV's immunity.

Information concerning the above three arraignment hearings was telephonically furnished to the Bureau by ASAC A. H. BELMONT immediately after each Hearing on March 11, 14 and 15, 1949. Photostatic copies of the transcript of the official stenographic notes taken at these Hearings on March 11, 14 and 15, 1949, have been forwarded to the Bureau.

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II. LABORATORY EXAMINATION

On March 9, 1949, by personal courier, the articles removed from the person of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV at the time of the search incident to his arrest on the evening of March 4, 1949, as well as during subsequent search of his person made prior to an interview in the New York Office on this same night, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for a complete appropriate document, cryptanalysis and secret writing examination. A complete list of these items was included in referenced report and, accordingly, this list will not be again set forth in this report. (S)(u)

FBI Laboratory report dated March 11, 1949, reflected that the items removed from the person of GUBITCHEV were examined for the presence of microdots, and for other types of concealed messages by methods which would not change or alter their appearance, with negative results. Non-staining treatment revealed no secret ink on the items. The Laboratory advised that both items, one piece of Dillard's Aspirin Gum containing ten tablets and one partially used package of pale green mints, could have been used for the preparation of a secret ink. It does not appear likely that specimens of this type would be so used because of the availability of their components, namely sugar and aspirin, in more convenient forms. The Laboratory concluded that the surname and the first name originally type-written on GUBITCHEV's UN application form P. 11, bearing the typewritten address "Robert Fulton Hotel, 228 East 71st Street, New York City, "New York", had been erased and that these names originally appeared as follows: (S)(u)

GUBITCHEV
Valentine. (S)(u)

It was noted in FBI Laboratory report that a supplement laboratory report on the cryptanalysis examination of these items would be sent to the New York Office in the near future and, accordingly, the results of this examination will be set forth in the next investigative report. The above items removed from the person of GUBITCHEV have been returned to this office and are being retained in the New York file as exhibits. (S)(u)

III. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

The results of physical surveillances conducted of subject have already been set forth in referenced report. (S)(u)

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IV. GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Gubitchev's Money

During the search of subject incident to his arrest on March 4, 1949, there was removed from his person a white envelope containing \$125. in bills, denominations of the currency are as follows:

One \$5.00 Bill, Serial B 21477093 C
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 26107583 D
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial A 88647757 A
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial C 51464889 B
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial A 08803336 B
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 05819379 D
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 11731002 D
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 21385884 E
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial K 40076590 A
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 85285894 C
One \$10.00 Bill, Serial B 60731392 D
One \$20.00 Bill, Serial B 13928876 B

Attempts to trace the above currency through banking institutions have been unsuccessful except as to the \$20.00 bill, which bears Serial Number B 13928876 B.

Confidential Informant T-1⁶⁰, Federal Reserve Bank, New York City, advised that the \$20.00 bill, Serial Number B 13928876 B, was included in a shipment of new currency sent to JAKOB LOMAKIN, then USSR Consul General, New York City, on July 30, 1946, under the direction of the State Bank of the USSR. He advised that this shipment of currency had been receipted by ALEXANDER M. PODHALZIN. This shipment of currency was for ten thousand \$20.00 bills, the Serial Numbers running from B 13928001 B through B 13936000 B and B 1405001 B through B 14052000 B.

Confidential Informant T-1⁶⁰ who made this information available to SA (A) MARTIN J. MC GUINN, requested that this information not be used for any purpose without consulting him so that he may take it up with his legal department. The above information was furnished to the Bureau and Washington Field Office by teletype dated March 10, 1949.

Mail Cover

On February 24, 1949 a mail cover was placed on all mail, including Special Delivery and Registered Mail, of the following for a period of thirty days:

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VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV,
64 108th Street,
New York 25, New York. (u)] (X) (u)

On March 3, 1949, an examination of the bell cards at 158 West 106th Street, New York City, revealed the following names listed on one of the bell cards: (X) (u)

JOSEPH ROSS
JOSEF ROSENWASSER
V. GUBITCHEV.] (X) (u)

It is noted that the above bell card appeared to have been printed by a bell card printing company. (X) (u)

On March 3, 1949, arrangements were made through Assistant Superintendent EDWARD F. MC DONALD of the Cathedral Post Office, 219 West 104th Street, New York City, to interview the postal carriers delivering mail to both 64 West 108th Street, New York City, and 158 West 106th Street, New York City. (X) (u)

LIONEL LEWIS and MILTON ADAMS advised that they have been delivering mail to 158 West 106th Street, New York City, for several years. They further advised that JOSEF ROSENWASSER is a relatively new tenant, having lived at that address from early Fall of 1948. They advised that ROSENWASSER is married and has two children. They were unable to furnish any information concerning JOSEPH ROSS, but were of the opinion that ROSS is probably a shortened version of the name ROSENWASSER and that, accordingly, the name refers to the same person. Messrs. LEWIS and ADAMS stated that VALENTINE GUBITCHEV still receives mail at that address, but that the amount of this mail has diminished in the past few months. They advised that he had formerly received considerable mail from both Canada and Russia. (X) (u)

ROBERT SOLOMON and PHILLIP MC HUGH stated that they had delivered mail for several years to the address 64 West 108th Street, New York City. They advised that the apartment building located at that address is largely populated by Russians, but that they have never delivered any mail to that address for VALENTINE GUBITCHEV. (X) (u)

On March 10, 1949, arrangements were made through Assistant Superintendent EDWARD F. MC DONALD, U. S. Post Office, Cathedral Station, 219 West 104th Street, New York City, for a mail cover to be placed on all mail, including Special Delivery and Registered Mail, of the following for a period of thirty days: This was also confirmed as of that date by a letter (X) (u)

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addressed to the Honorable ALBERT M. GOLDMAN, General Post Office, 33rd Street and 8th Avenue, New York 1, New York. (S)(u)

VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV,
wa., Valentin A. Gubitzhev,
158 West 106th Street,
New York 25, New York. (S)(u)

The following are the results of this mail cover: (S)(u)

<u>NAME OF SENDER</u>	<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>POST OFFICE</u>
Circle Medical Group	220 Central Park So., New York 19, New York	New York 19, New York.
United Nations	Lake Success, New York, Executive Office of the Secretary - General.	Lake Success, New York, 3/8/49.
Norman Morris Watch Co.	608 5th Avenue, New York 20, New York	New York, 3/22/49, 9 P. M.

Other Investigation (S)(u)

On March 9, 1949, the following persons were interviewed by SA's JOHN R. MURPHY and STEPHEN A. MC GARR regarding VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV and JUDITH COPLON, particularly as to whether they had noticed that the subjects had been in the neighborhood of 193rd Street and Broadway, on March 4, 1949, or any date prior thereto. Photographs of the subjects were exhibited with negative results. (S)(u)

ABRAHAM N. ANTOPOLSKY - Proprietor of a cigar and candy store, 4520 Broadway, which is on the Northeast corner of Broadway and 193rd Street. (S)(u)

ALEX S. LEVINE - Druggist, 4500 Broadway, which store is on the Southeast corner of Broadway and 193rd Street. (S)(u)

SAM SANKIAN - Grocer, 4500 Broadway. (S)(u)

PETER RAMUNDO - Shoe repair shop, 4500 Broadway. (S)(u)

It is noted that JUDITH COPLON had visited this shoe repair shop on February 18, 1949 to have her shoe-strap fixed, but PETER RAMUNDO was unable to recall that visit. (S)(u)

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RALPH DE LUCIA - Owner and WILLIAM BASSIE, waiter, at the De Luxe Restaurant, 143 Dyckman Street, Bronx, New York. (S)(u)

Concerning the above, it is recalled the JUDITH COPLON spent several minutes in the cigar and candy store, 4520 Broadway, on the evening of March 4, 1949 and, also, that VALENTINE GUBITCHEV spent a few minutes in the drug store located at 4500 Broadway, on the evening of March 4, 1949. (S)(u)

Concerning the De Luxe Restaurant, it is to be recalled that subjects COPLON and GUBITCHEV were in this restaurant on the occasion of their contact on January 14, 1949. (S)(u)

Mr. E. T. SULLIVAN, Divisional Superintendent, New York City Omnibus Corporation, 100 Street and Lexington Avenue, advised that his records reflected that Bus #89 of the company was in service on Run #1075, with Driver #1353, on the evening of March 4, 1949. He stated that according to his records Bus #89 was picked up by the driver at the bus depot at 54th Street and 9th Avenue, at 8:50 P. M., and proceeded southbound. He advised that the bus would normally reach the corner of 42nd Street and 9th Avenue, approximately at 8:55 P. M. It is to be recalled that subject COPLON and GUBITCHEV used this bus in their travels on the evening of March 4, 1949. Mr. SULLIVAN advised that the proper person upon whom a subpoena may be served is Mr. C. R. BARNES, Superintendent of Transportation, New York City Omnibus Bus Corporation, 605 West 132nd Street, New York City. (S)(u)

Mr. WILLIAM IRWIN, Driver #1353, was interviewed and advised that he picked up Bus #89 at 54th Street and 9th Avenue, on March 4, 1949, at 8:50 P. M. He further stated that the bus arrived at 42nd Street and 9th Avenue, at approximately 8:55 P. M. Agents MURPHY and MC GARR exhibited photographs of COPLON and GUBITCHEV to IRWIN, but he did not recall either one. He stated that he had no recollection of the subjects being on his bus nor did he have any information regarding them. (S)(u)

On March 7, 1949, at 11 A. M., ROBERT MC LAUGHLIN, Accountant with BYRNES & BAKER, 19 Rector Street, New York City, telephonically advised the New York Office that he had information concerning GUBITCHEV. SA's STEPHEN A. MC GARR and JOHN R. MURPHY interviewed Mr. MC LAUGHLIN at 45 Rockefeller Plaza, later on the same date. Mr. MC LAUGHLIN stated that he is an accountant employed by BYRNES & BAKER, 19 Rector Street, New York City, and is assigned to work auditing the UN contracts of excavations and other engineering work; and that through these duties he became acquainted with GUBITCHEV. While so employed at the UN he had noticed GUBITCHEV at one time (date unknown) conferring with JOSEPH SEIF, an attorney employed by the UN doing real estate work. According to Mr. MC LAUGHLIN, when he (S)(u)

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appeared on the scene, GUBITCHEV and SEIF broke off their conversation and GUBITCHEV appeared to be startled. On another date (date unknown) the identical occurrence took place. Mr. MC LAUGHLIN stated that he has no information which would cast suspicion on SEIF other than the above two occasions. Mr. MC LAUGHLIN stated that GUBITCHEV was a very pleasant fellow-employee at the UN, but kept to himself most of the time and did not appear to be very friendly with anyone there and that GUBITCHEV appeared to be satisfied with the menial work he was performing although he was rated as an engineer. According to Mr. MC LAUGHLIN, part of GUBITCHEV's work was to check the trucks carting dirt and debris out of the excavation at 42nd Street and 1st Avenue. Mr. MC LAUGHLIN had no further information regarding GUBITCHEV, other than that the latter stated he was returning to Russia this summer for a visit, his expenses being paid by the UN. (S) (u)

The New York Office files reveal that an investigation was conducted concerning JOSEPH BARUCH SEIF, who was an applicant for a position with another governmental agency in 1942. The investigation revealed that SEIF was admitted to the New York Bar in 1922, was born November 28, 1896, at Stryj, Poland, and received derivative U. S. citizenship through his father who was naturalized on January 9, 1911. This investigation does not disclose any information of a derogatory nature. (S) (u)

On March 10, 1949, this office received an anonymous telephone call to the effect that the apartment building located at 158 West 106th Street, New York City (one of the residential addresses of GUBITCHEV during his stay in New York City) was acquired about three years ago by one GEORGE SCHWARTZMAN. The anonymous caller advised that since SCHWARTZMAN has acquired this apartment building he, SCHWARTZMAN, filled all of his vacancies with Russians. The caller stated that as soon as GUBITCHEV moved out of his apartment at 158 West 106th Street, New York City, it was rented to another Russian, who subsequently took over the apartment with all the furniture. The caller was unable to give this individual's name. (S) (u)

As previously set forth in this report, GUBITCHEV's former apartment at 158 West 106th Street, New York City, is presently occupied by JOSEPH ROSENFASSER. The files of this office contain no derogatory information believed to be identical concerning JOSEPH ROSENFASSER. (S) (u)

On March 10, 1949, this office received the following letter postmarked March 9, 1949, New York, New York: (S) (u)

"To Whom It May Concern:

"The photo I saw in the paper to-day reminded me of a little man (S) (u)

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"I saw on a bus last Fall who carried a very odd looking box, somewhat like a portable radio. He was traveling from the Greyhound Bus Station in Portland, Pa., to the Station in Jersey City where there was a big man waiting for him, apparently. The little box thing figures in their conversation while the N. Y. bus paused at the station! I refer to V. A. Gubitchev held as Russian Spy. (S) (u)

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ABRAHAM NADEL (S) (u)

On March 15, 1944, Miss FRANCES DE SOTO, 10 West 107th Street, New York City, Secretary to Dr. MEYER SHAPIRO, 107 West 116th Street, New York City, advised SA ROBERT J. QUIGLEY, during an interview on another official matter, that she had formerly lived at 15 West 107th Street, Apartment 24, New York City. She advised that she had seen GUBITCHEV make contact with a man whose name she could not recall, who resided in Apartment 23, 15 West 107th Street, New York City, under suspicious circumstances. (S) (u)

Preliminary Investigation (S) (u)

SA THOMAS H. ZOELLER examined the directory at 15 West 107th Street, New York City, which revealed that Apartment 23 is occupied by ABRAHAM NADEL. (S) (u)

The files of this office reveal that an individual who furnished his name as NADEL advised PAVEL FEDOSEYOV, then Vice Consul, USSR Consulate, New York City, that his (NADEL's) father-in-law would like to present to the Soviet Government a process which he had worked out for processing leather. He, NADEL, stated that he would bring a typewritten description of the process to the Consulate. It is not known whether the above information concerns ABRAHAM NADEL and the files of this office reflect no other information believed to be pertinent to this investigation concerning ABRAHAM NADEL. (S) (u)

On March 16, 1949, SA WILLIAM O. MC CUE obtained the following information concerning ABRAHAM NADEL from the Consolidated Edison Company, New York City: (S) (u)

In 1939 their records revealed that NADEL was employed by the Hughes Printing Company, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. He, NADEL, at that time, applied for service to the Consolidated Edison Company giving his address as Apartment 3E, 340 East 15th Street, New York City. The Consolidated Edison Company records reflected the following residential addresses of ABRAHAM NADEL: (S) (u)

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Apartment 3E, 340 East 15th Street, N.Y.C.,
May 3, 1939 to August 3, 1940;

3rd Floor, 110 West 100th Street, N. Y. C.,
August 30, 1940 to September 2, 1941;

Apartment 3B, 73 West 105th Street, N. Y. C.,
August 28, 1941 through August 31, 1942;

Apartment 23, 15 West 107th Street, N.Y.C.;
August 29, 1942 to date.

On March 17, 1949, SA ARTHUR J. TROTTER, JR. checked the Selective Service records of New York City which reflected that ABRAHAM NADEL had registered at Local Board 34, New York City, on April 25, 1942 and had been assigned Serial Number U 2981. He indicated that he was then residing at 73 West 105th Street, New York City, and that he had been born May 14, 1893; at Odessa, Russia. His Selective Service file revealed that the person who would always know his address is his wife, ROSE NADEL, 73 W. 105th Street, New York City. At the time of his registration, NADEL stated that he was employed by the Schonberg Leigh Printing Company, 150 Varick Street, New York City. According to his Selective Service file, NADEL is described as follows:

Name:	ABRAHAM NADEL
Born:	May 14, 1893 at Odessa, Russia.
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Grey
Complexion:	Ruddy.

On March 16, 1949, SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK examined the Board of Election records for the Borough of Manhattan which reflected the following information:

1948

ABRAHAM NADEL, residing 15 West 107th Street, New York City, registered with the Board of Elections giving his age as 55, 33 years in State, 33 years in County and six years in the Election District. He was born in Russia and became a naturalized U. S. citizen, New York City, New York, in 1928. He indicated under party preference, preference for one of the two major political parties.

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He indicated that he had last registered with the Election Board in 1947 from the same address and that he was at that time employed as a proof reader by the UN.

1948

ROSE NADEL registered with the Board of Elections giving her residential address as 15 West 107th Street, New York City; age 49; married; sixteen years in County and State and six years in Election District. She indicated that she was a native of Poland and had become a naturalized U. S. citizen in the Southern District of New York in 1938. The records reveal that she was employed as a finisher at 205 West 139th Street, New York City.

The records of the Board of Elections revealed substantially the same information as set out above for both ABRAHAM and ROSE NADEL except for employment for the years 1942, 1943, 1945, 1946 and 1947.

1941

ABRAHAM NADEL registered with the Board of Elections in this year giving his residential address as 73 West 105th Street, New York City, and indicated that he was employed as a compositor for the "Record-Press", Plainfield, New Jersey.

ROSE NADEL also registered in this election year with the Board of Elections and gave her address as 73 West 105th Street, and indicated that she was employed as a finisher at 205 West 139th Street, New York City.

In their registration in 1941 both ABRAHAM and ROSE NADEL indicated that they had last registered with the Board of Elections in 1940 from the address 110 West 100th Street, New York City.

An examination of the records concerning the voting preference of ABRAHAM NADEL through the years 1941 - 1947 reflected that throughout this time he indicated that his preference was one of the two major political parties.

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The records revealed that ROSE NADEL, during the years 1941, 1942 and 1943, indicated her party preference as the American Labor Party and in the year 1947 indicated her preference as "Liberal". In 1944, 1945 and 1946, ROSE NADEL indicated her party preference as one of the two major political parties.

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The current Manhattan Telephone Directory reveals that ABRAHAM NADEL, residing at 15 West 107th Street, New York City, has telephone number AC 2-3630. Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that the above telephone installation was made for ABRAHAM NADEL on October 23, 1947. There is no additional listing and it was indicated at the time of installation that the phone would be used for resident service only. NADEL, in his application for a telephone, indicated that he was a senior proofreader employed by the United Nations Secretariat at Lake Success and that his bank is the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, United Nations Branch. (S) (u) (U) b7D

According to the United Nations Telephone Directory, dated February 1, 1949, ABRAHAM NADEL is listed as an employee of the Printing Division, Bureau of Documents, Department of Conference and General Services of the United Nations. (S) (u)

Confidential Informant T-2, on March 18, 1949, made available to SA J. GARTH GRAY NADEL'S personnel file at the United Nations, Lake Success, Long Island, which contained the following information: (S) (U)

Name:	ABRAHAM NADEL	
Residence:	15 West 107th Street, New York City	
Started with United Nations:	October 15, 1946, as printing proofreader	
Date of birth:	May 14, 1893	b6
Place of birth:	Odessa, Russia	b7C
Wife:	ROSE, 45 years	
Daughter:	[redacted]	
Education:	Attended high school at Odessa, Russia, 1903 to 1906; 1915 to 1916, New York evening courses, does not specify what school	
Prior employment:	1920-1931 - Royal Indemnity Co. 150 William Street New York City	
	1931-1942 - Schonbar High Printing Company, 150 Varick Street, New York City	

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Prior employment: (contd.) 2/43-4/46 - OSCAR LEVENTHAL
229 West 28th Street
New York City

4/46-10/46 - COMPTON & STERN
141 East 25th Street
New York City

References (UN):

SAM BURBANK
15 Spruce Street, New York City

A. CUDLICH
1505 Macomb's Road
Bronx 52, New York

GEORGE BRUHN, of the Royal
Indemnity Company
150 William Street, New York City

There was a pencil notation in NADEL'S file that he has been a United States citizen since 1928. NADEL stated on his application that he had originally worked in Russian firms now out of existence, doing proof-reading on commercial magazines, and that he has also worked in the official Russian languages. He stated he speaks Russian, Spanish, English and Jewish. His present salary is \$5,893.00 per year. He is described as five feet ten inches and one hundred fifty-four pounds. His personnel file does not contain a photograph and there was no derogatory information in it. (U)

[Interview of [redacted]] (U)

[redacted] was interviewed at the New York Office by Special Agents BREWER WILSON and the writer on the evening of March 17, 1949. She advised that she resides at [redacted] Manhattan, New York, but that she formerly resided in [redacted] New York City. She stated that she is presently employed as a [redacted] (U)

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secretary to DR. MEYER SHAPIRO, 107 West 116th Street, Manhattan, New York, and listed the following prior employment: (S)(u)

Secretary to DR. SIMON STEIN, 220 Madison Avenue, New York City, December, 1947, to December, 1948.

Cashier, Broadway Theatre, on Broadway between 52nd and 53rd Streets, New York City.

Cashier, Rivoli Theatre, on Broadway near 49th Street, New York City. (S)(u)

Cashier, Riverside Theatre, on Broadway near 96th Street, New York City.

Cashier, Manhattan Theatre, Broadway near 109th Street, New York City.

She advised that she was unable to furnish the approximate dates concerning her employment as a cashier as she had had intermittent employment at these theatres for several years. (S)(u)

[redacted] advised that she was born [redacted] at New York City, but left the United States going to Puerto Rico in 1922; that from 1922 to 1941, she had traveled back and forth between the United States and Puerto Rico but that she had spent the majority of this period in Puerto Rico. She stated that since 1941 she has resided in the United States and has spent the majority of the period from 1941 to date in New York City. She stated that she was married at City Hall, New York City, on November 4, 1943, to [redacted] who was then a shipyard employee. She, however, stated that she is presently separated from her husband. (S)(u)

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[redacted] stated that the recent newspaper publicity given to the GUBITCHEV-COPLON espionage case reminded her of a series of incidents which concerned a former neighbor of hers, who resided at [redacted] [redacted] New York City, Apartment 23, and GUBITCHEV, whose picture she (S)(u)

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recognized from newspaper photographs. She advised that she knew the occupant of Apartment 23, [redacted] as a neighbor but could not recall his name. She, however, described him as follows: (S) (u)

Age:	50
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	165-170 lbs.
Complexion:	Ruddy
Eyes:	Small
Face:	Round
Hair:	Gray
Languages:	He speaks Spanish, Italian, French, Yiddish, English and Russian
Occupation:	Linotypist or compositor for magazine companies

[redacted] further stated that the occupant of Apartment 23 had told her that he had traveled extensively in South America. According to [redacted] the occupant of Apartment 23, her neighbor, in conversations which she had had with him, described buildings and historical points of interest located in Venezuela and Colombia. She advised that she also had traveled in Venezuela and Colombia and knew from the remarks that her neighbor made that he also had actually been there. She advised that in their discussion of South America they had spoken in Spanish and that he had a good command of the Spanish language. (S) (u)

It is noted that the above description given by [redacted] is in substantial accordance with the description of ABRAHAM NADEL, as taken from his Selective Service file. Accordingly, the name of ABRAHAM NADEL was mentioned to [redacted] and she immediately recognized the name as being the occupant of Apartment 23 at [redacted] New York City. Photographs were then shown [redacted] of GUBITCHEV and she made a positive identification of GUBITCHEV as the man who had made the following contacts with her neighbor, now identified as ABRAHAM NADEL: (S) (u)

She advised that on approximately nine or ten occasions during 1948, at approximately 7:00 p.m., while enroute home from work, she (S) (u)

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observed ABRAHAM NADEL and GUBITCHEV get off the Independent Subway at the 110th Street stop; that they, GUBITCHEV and NADEL, would then lag behind the group that got off the train at that stop and, when the station became deserted or partially deserted, they would commence talking to each other as they slowly walked to the 109th Street exit. She further stated that on three occasions, that is on contacts in March, May and October or November, 1948, she observed GUBITCHEV pass what appeared to her to be "a manuscript or manuscripts to NADEL." She advised that GUBITCHEV would take this manuscript or manuscripts from his brief case, which she described as an ordinary zipper brief case, and would then give them to NADEL, who was also carrying what she described as an ordinary zipper brief case, NADEL then putting the manuscript or manuscripts in his brief case. According to [redacted] NADEL and GUBITCHEV, when approaching the stairs to the street at the 109th Street exit of the 110th Street stop of the Independent Subway, would take leave of each other and would thereafter give no sign of recognition when they reached the street level. She continued by stating that NADEL and GUBITCHEV would then proceed in separate directions, NADEL walking south on Central Park West and GUBITCHEV walking west on 109th Street. (S)(u)

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It is known that throughout the time of these reported contacts NADEL resided at 15 West 107th Street, New York City, and that GUBITCHEV resided at 58 West 106th Street until August, 1948, when he moved to 64 West 108th Street, New York City. Investigation has revealed that the shortest distance from the 110th Street Independent Subway Station to NADEL'S and GUBITCHEV'S respective apartments throughout the time of contact would have permitted them to walk together for at least a block. (S)(u)

[redacted] further stated that she had observed that NADEL, after these contacts, went directly to his apartment building. She stated that she was aware of his activities after the contact inasmuch as she lived in the same block throughout these contacts and that, naturally, she also took the shortest route to her residence. She advised that she did not know anything concerning GUBITCHEV'S destination after these contacts as he, GUBITCHEV, walked west on 109th Street and would naturally be out of her vision as she would be walking south on Central Park West. (S)(u)

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[] stated that on the dates of these contacts she had on one occasion observed NADEL getting on the BB Local at the 34th Street and Sixth Avenue stop of the Independent Subway and that on one occasion further observed both NADEL and GUBITCHEV on the above-mentioned train when she boarded same at the 34th Street stop. (u)

It is noted that throughout the period covered by these reported contacts [] was employed by DR. STEIN at 220 Madison Avenue, New York City, and would naturally board the above-mentioned subway train in her return home from work. (u)

[] further stated that on the other dates of the contacts she had on some occasions seen both NADEL and GUBITCHEV on the train while enroute to the 110th Street stop. She was, however, unable to give any information as to where NADEL and GUBITCHEV boarded the subway train on these dates. She stated that on some of these occasions NADEL and GUBITCHEV could have taken seats together on the train but that they had never taken such adjoining seats and, in fact, never gave any sign of recognition until they would join each other at the 110th Street subway stop as previously described. (u)

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[] also stated that [] which [] when they resided at [] New York City, []. She advised that in the fall of 1944 she had overheard a conversation emanating from the NADEL apartment concerning an intended trip to California which was to be taken by MRS. NADEL. According to [] MRS. NADEL was protesting bitterly that she did not want to take this intended trip and finally broke out in tears. MR. NADEL allegedly stated that MRS. NADEL had her choice of taking the trip or going back to Russia. In this connection, [] stated that to the best of her memory MR. NADEL asked MRS. NADEL the following question: "Do you want to go back to Russia?" MRS. NADEL answered, "No." (u)

[] further advised that the conversation which up until that time had been carried on in English was then switched into the Russian language and that, therefore, she was unable to furnish any further (u)

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information concerning this conversation. She, however, advised that MRS. NADEL did go on her intended trip and that MR. NADEL made it generally known throughout the apartment building that MRS. NADEL was visiting in California; that during MRS. NADEL'S absence a Russian couple, description and identities unknown, had resided with MR. NADEL in his apartment but had left shortly before MRS. NADEL returned. (S) (u)

[] continued by stating that approximately one year later MRS. NADEL again took a trip lasting approximately four weeks; that MR. NADEL again made it generally known to the occupants of the apartment building that MRS. NADEL was visiting in California and that, in fact, she was visiting a sick relative. According to [] MR. NADEL lived alone during this latter trip of MRS. NADEL'S. (S) (u)

On being questioned as to NADEL'S political ideas, [] stated that in 1944 and 1945 she had on several occasions entered into political discussions with MR. NADEL for a few minutes duration if they would happen to meet in the hall and during these discussions MR. NADEL seemed to follow the pre-Soviet line and would never criticize either the Soviet political ideologies or the Communist Party. She further stated that on one occasion she had asked MR. NADEL whether he was a Communist Party member and that he, avoided this question, and changed the subject. (S) (u)

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[] reiterated that the last time she saw NADEL and GUBITCHEV make a contact, as hereinbefore described, was in the latter part of November or early part of December, 1948. It is noted that [] advised that the last contact wherein manuscript material was passed was in October or November of 1948. She explained this by stating that she left the employment of DR. SIMON STEIN, 220 Madison Avenue, New York City, on December 21, 1948, and, consequently, she had not been in the 110th Street stop of the Independent Subway at the pertinent time. She further stated that she had not traveled the aforementioned subway route and route home from the station during the pertinent time of the day since she had ceased her employment with DR. STEIN. (S) (u)

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[redacted] was unable to form any conclusion as to the regularity of the meet of GUBITCHEV and NADEL and stated she knew nothing more concerning these contacts. She advised that she had never reported these facts to anyone before her calling it to the attention of the Bureau. In explanation of her failure to report this to the appropriate authorities, [redacted] stated that although she considered that these contacts were unusual and of a suspicious nature, she was not aware of their significance up until she read the newspapers concerning the GUBITCHEV-COPLON espionage case. She concluded by stating that if she was able to recall any further incidents concerning these contacts she would immediately notify the New York Office of the FBI. (S)(u)

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[redacted] advised that she is presently separated from her husband, [redacted], and that, therefore, she is going by her maiden name. (S)(u)

A summary of the above information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype dated March 17, 1949. (S)(u)

[GUBITCHEV Bank Account, Chemical Bank and Trust Company
United Nations Branch, 405 East 42nd Street, New York City:] (S)(u)

At the time subject GUBITCHEV was apprehended he had in his possession two deposit slips on the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, United Nations Office (A), showing a deposit on February 9, 1949, of \$537.93 and a deposit on February 23, 1949, of \$382.75. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant T-3, at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 165 Broadway, produced the recordak film of the subject's account for SAA MARTIN J. MC GUINN and explained that this account is maintained at the United Nations Building, 405 East 42nd Street. The account was monitored only from January 1, 1949, to March 7, 1949, and showed the following transactions: (S)(u)

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DATE		DESCRIPTION	WITHDRAWAL	DEPOSIT
Bank	Check			
1/5	-	Not Found	\$ 50.00	
1/6	1/3	#160 - Original Brenner Bros., Inc.	173.00*	
1/12		United Nations Payroll Check		\$ 240.95
1/13	1/12	#162 - Cash - Cashed @ 15A	200.00*	
1/20	1/19	#163 - Cash - Cashed @ 15A	120.00*	
1/25	1/23	#166 - Samuel Beckenstein	45.10*	
1/26	-	- Consolidated Edison Co. (21-2198-125)	10.05*	
1/26	-	- New York Telephone Co.	4.98*	
1/26		United Nations Payroll Check		240.95
1/27	1/26	#167 - Cash - Cashed @ 15A	150.00*	
2/3	-	- Not Found	30.00	
2/4	2/3	Cash	40.00*	
2/8	-	#170 - Aguascutum	86.70*	
2/8	2/6	#171 - S. Beckenstein	61.20*	
2/9	2/9	United Nations Payroll Check #69522 (Code 017640)		537.93
2/11	2/9	#172 - Cash - Cashed @ 15A	200.00*	
2/23	2/20	#173 - S. Beckenstein cnd. S. Beckenstein, Inc. Public Natl. B.&T.Co.	108.22	
2/23	2/23	#175 - Cash - Cashed @ 15A	182.00*	
2/23	2/23	United Nations Payroll Check #72933		382.75
2/28	-	- Not Found	30.60	
3/1/49		Balance		
3/2		New York Telephone Co.	4.98	
3/4	3/3	- Cash - Cashed @ 15A (G.J.N.)	50.00	

*Reverse of check not visible.

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The subject's account is carried in his name and his address is care of Headquarters Planning Offices, Room 209, 405 East 42nd Street, New York City. The balance of this account on January 1, 1949, was \$1,626.70 and the balance at March 7, 1949, was \$1,482.45. (S) (u)

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V. CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES (S) (u)

The following investigation has been conducted concerning the papers and articles removed from GUBITCHEV'S person at the time of the search incident to his arrest on March 4, 1949: (S) (u)

GUBITCHEV'S 1949 Diary contained a pencilled notation under Addresses which translation advises reads "Amtorg 381 Madison LE 2-8500". (S) (u)

The AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION is located at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, not at 381 Madison as indicated in GUBITCHEV'S diary. It is believed that this latter address which GUBITCHEV had is probably an error as the Amtorg telephone Number LEXington 2-8500 is correct as he wrote it and is listed to the AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City. It is noted that the building located at 381 Madison Avenue is a large commercial office building. (S) (u)

The AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION is the official purchasing agency for the Soviet Government in the United States. In its present form it was founded and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1924. It is staffed mainly by Russian Nationals with a comparatively few American employees. It is primarily engaged as an exporter of United States manufactured goods to Russia, and has also been known to be used as an importer of Soviet manufactured and processed goods to the United States.

In this connection it is considered to represent the official Russian Government trusts in all lines of industry. (S) (u)

GUBITCHEV'S 1949 Diary contained a pencilled notation in Russian which as translated reads [redacted] (Extension [redacted]). (S) (u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] (U) has advised that the above telephone number is listed to [redacted] New York City. (S) (u)

The UN Telephone Directory dated February 1, 1949, lists [redacted] as an employee of the Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories. (S) (u)

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On March 25, 1949, Confidential Informant T- 2 made available [] personnel file to SA J. GARTH GRAY, which reflected the following information: (S) - (U)

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[] on January 4, 1947, was appointed a Social Affairs Officer in the Trusteeship and Information Division for Non-Self-Governing Territories. He presently holds this position and his salary is \$6,050.00 per year. He previously was employed as a Linguistic Research Russian Expert at the United Nations from July 4, 1946, to January 3, 1947. His address is listed as [] Long Island, New York. He was born [] at USSR, and his wife, age [] was listed as [] (S) - (U)

[] stated he speaks Russian, English, and Persian. His application reflected that he would not work in Geneva, Montreal or Paris, and wanted to work in the United States. His prior education was listed as follows: (S) - (U)

From 1935 to 1938 he attended the Moscow Institute for Journalism where he received a diploma; from 1938 to 1941 he attended the Moscow Oriental Institute, where he received a diploma. At the Moscow Oriental Institute he did scientific research on Middle East and Iranian Vertical Science and Economic Affairs. He stated he belongs to the Journalists' Club in Moscow. (S) - (U)

His prior employment was listed as follows: (S) - (U)

From April, 1946 to June, 1946 he was Third Secretary in the Foreign Office, USSR, at 1900 rubles, doing research work on Middle Eastern affairs. His supervisor was listed as ROSCHIN. He stated he left this position for his UN job. From August, 1941 to April, 1946 he was an officer in the Soviet Army. He states that from March, 1943 to June, 1944, while in the Soviet Army, he was in charge of the inspection of lend-lease operations in Iran. He states he left the Army when it was demobilized. From 1941 to (date left blank) he states he was a Reference Consultant in the Foreign Office of the USSR at Moscow on Middle Eastern affairs. He listed his supervisor as S. Y. KANTARADZE. He stated that he left this position to join the Red Army. (S) - (U)

He listed the following UN references: (S) - (U)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 1. KANTARADZE - This individual is in the Foreign Office of the USSR and is the Ambassador to Rumania. 7/1/49

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2. VOLOKHOV - who is listed as being with the UN Secretariat, Lake Success, New York.
3. MAKSIMOV - who is listed as being with the Foreign Office of the USSR. This individual was former Ambassador to Iran.

[redacted] present position as Social Affairs Officer at the UN consists of general research work in the Information Section of the Non-Self-Governing Territories Division, in which he examines Russian publications, throwing light on the Soviet method of mass education in backward areas and on methods followed to bringing about healthy relationships between Russia and indigenous cultures in the Soviet territory. The purpose of this side of his work would be to ascertain whether there are Soviet methods which would be of value in non-self-governing territories. (U)

His file reflects he left Moscow on July 4, 1946, and arrived in New York City on July 20, 1946. He also lived at the Robert Fulton Hotel, 228 West 71st Street, New York City, for a time. He states he has a mother, who is 50 years of age. In a memo dated August 8, 1946, Mr. A. SOBOLEV, Acting Secretary General, UN, Lake Success, to Mr. M. EMILE DELAVENAY, stated [redacted] was recommended to the UN by the USSR Government by reason of his education and ability, and SOBOLEV suggested he could be an editor of Russian publications at a salary of about \$6,000.00 to \$6,500.00 per year. His file also reflected that at one time he lived at [redacted] New York City. His name in the file was also spelled as [redacted] His daughter, [redacted] aka [redacted] was born [redacted] (U)

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The file reflects [redacted] his present address as [redacted] Apartment [redacted] (U)

The file reflected that [redacted] has submitted to the UN for home leave covering the period from June 7, 1949, to October 25, 1949, and he intends to leave New York proceeding to Georgia, USSR, with his family and states that he will return to the United States by sea. He originally had planned to make this trip from December, 1948 to February, 1949, but there is no information in the file why he did not go at this time. He states he has been in Moscow since 1924. It was noted in the file that in a memorandum dated March 12, 1946, that Dr. BOZIDAR ALEKSANDER, Executive Officer, Trusteeship Division, had requested that [redacted] be assigned to this division and work under WILFRID BENSON, who is in the Non-Self-Governing Territories Division. His file did not contain any derogatory information. (U)

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GRiffin: ~~(S)~~(u) The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN V.

At the time of his arrest, the subject had on his person a 1949 diary with a list of names and addresses. In this diary was the following name: SPIZEL, 245 West 27th Street, New York City. This individual is identical with BORIS SPIESEL, fur importer, of 245 West 27th Street. It is pointed out that SPIESEL has previously volunteered information to this office concerning Russian activities in New York City. ~~(S)~~(u)

On March 24, 1949, BORIS SPIESEL contacted this office and advised that he had MRS. GUBITCHEV'S silver foxes in storage since May 29, 1948. He stated further that MRS. MOROZOV, wife of the First Secretary of the Russian United Nations in New York City, had appeared at his place of business the day before and made arrangements to have these furs delivered to 680 Park Avenue, office of the Russian Delegate to the United Nations. ~~(S)~~(u)

SPIESEL was contacted on March 25, 1949, and he advised that he sells and stores furs for Russian United Nations personnel. It is pointed out that this is undoubtedly the reason why the subject had SPIESEL'S name in his diary. MR. SPIESEL stated further that MRS. MOROZOV advised him on that date that MRS. GUBITCHEV would pick up her own furs in a few days. MR. SPIESEL stated that he would advise this office before he took MRS. GUBITCHEV'S furs out of storage. ~~(S)~~(u)

MRS. MOROZOV is identified as the wife of LEONID ALEKSEEVICH MOROZOV, First Secretary of the Russian United Nations. ~~(S)~~(u)

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The following investigation was conducted on March 17 and 28, 1949, by Special Agent JOHN J. KENNELLY at New York City. (X)(u)

Reference is made to the sales slip entitled "BRENNER BROS., INC., 60 Division Street, New York City" bearing the number "H-18605", as found in the property of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV incidental to his arrest on March 4, 1949. (X)(u)

JOSEPH FRANK, Manager, BRENNER BROS., a retail specialty clothing store, located at 60 Division Street, New York City, made available to the writer a copy of the sales slip as noted above, bearing number H-18605. The name of Mrs. V. GUBITCHEV was reflected, plus the address of 64 West 108th Street, and dated January 3, 1949. (X)(u)

FRANK advised that under stock number 7129 the copy read, "One Stuart Green Coat", which coat, he advised, to the best of his recollection, was a fur-trimmed, Beaver-collar, cloth coat. The coat was paid for by check based on the credentials of GUBITCHEV, who was also present at the time of the sale. The coat was picked up on January 9, 1949. (X)(u)

In addition, FRANK stated that, to the best of his knowledge, this was the first transaction that was made at the store with the GUBITCHEVS, but added further that they sold a great deal of their merchandise to representatives of the United Nations. (X)(u)

As noted on the copy, the total price as paid for the coat was \$173.15. (X)(u)

Reference is made to the business card entitled "BRENNER BROS., 60 Division Street, New York City", as found in the property of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV incidental to his arrest March 4, 1949. On the face of the card in pencil is to be noted the name, written in longhand, "SONIA STARR". The reverse side of the card reflected the following information, which has been translated for purposes of this report: "Dr. ROSA MOISCIERINA STAROSHIKLOUSKAYA, Leningrad Highway N 40-75, The 4th Soviet Hospital Surgical Department". (X)(u)

JOSEPH FRANK on March 28, 1949, advised the writer that SONIA STARR has been employed by BRENNER BROS. for approximately 25 years. He stated that at the time the GUBITCHEVS purchased the coat as noted above SONIA STARR learned that GUBITCHEV was from Russia. Consequently she approached GUBITCHEV and told him that she was also from Russia and still had relatives, notably a sister and mother, residing there. She requested that GUBITCHEV, if possible, in the future contact her sister and pass on information to the effect that she was in good health and asking for them. As a result, she furnished GUBITCHEV the business card as noted above: wrote her own name on the face of the card, and that of her sister on the reverse side. No further information was obtained from FRANK at this time. (X)(u)

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The following information concerning SONIA STARR was obtained from the files of the New York Office: (S)(u)

On February 5, 1945, it was noted that one SONIA STARR attended the "Tribute to Yugoslavia Dinner", held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, sponsored by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. SONIA STARR was listed as being present at table 21 though the list did not reflect whether she actually was in attendance. (S)(u)

The dais and guest list for the "Red Army Day Anniversary Dinner," held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, on February 21, 1946, reflected the name SONIA STARR. This dinner was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, which organization is located at 114 East 32nd Street, New York City. (S)(u)

On April 30, 1946 SONIA STARR contacted the Russian Consulate in New York City. She inquired of ZOT IVANOVICH TCHEPOURNIKH, an employee, concerning the possibility of obtaining a visa to visit Russia. She stated that her family is in Moscow and that she had received a letter from her sister stating that her sister had visited the Peoples Commissariat. STARR inquired whether her sister would come to the United States as an American or as a Soviet citizen. She stated that when she, herself, filed her papers here she expressed her wish to be a Soviet citizen. She added that she desires now to send a second telegram to her sister in Moscow advising her to visit the Peoples Commissariat again. TCHEPOURNIKH advised STARR that all papers had been sent to Moscow. STARR then went on to say that she and her sister in Moscow were personally acquainted with SHVERNIK but her sister had written her to the effect that SHVERNIK could not help her. TCHEPOURNIKH then pointed out that because of the fact that STARR wished to change her citizenship it had been necessary to send the papers not to the Foreign Secretariat but to the Central Supreme Soviet. It is to be noted that SONIA STARR contacted TCHEPOURNIKH again on August 14, 1946, in reference to the same request. (S)(u) (U)

Confidential Informant [] on January 7, 1947, made available a copy of the seating list for a luncheon sponsored by the Committee of Women of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship held at the Hotel Pierre on December 12, 1946. The name of SONIA STARR was reflected on this list as having been in attendance. (S)(u)

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On March 18, 1947, information was received that SONIA STARR subscribed to the "Daily Worker", wanted to contribute to the Party fund and also desired to meet JOHN GATES. (S) (u)

The files reflected also that a woman named SONIA STARR, residing at 51 West 81st Street, wrote to VASSILI KUSNETZOV, Soviet Labor Leader who was then visiting in the United States. The letter was dated July 24, 1945 and was furnished to the New York Office by the Washington Field Division. The letter indicated that STARR is active in Local 1125 of the CIO Sales Peoples Union and is extremely pro-Communist and pro-Soviet. It was noted that she was born in the USSR and has been in the United States for 34 years. (S) (u)

The files also reflected that Miss SONIA STARR, residence listed as 51 West 81st Street, contributed \$12.50 to the Morford Defense Fund. It is noted that RICHARD MORFORD was the Executive Director of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. (S) (u)

In conclusion, it was noted that SONIA STARR attempted to contact Vice Consul FEDOSIMOV on June 12, 1947 and July 16, 1948. (S) (u)

It is to be noted that no record was to be found in the files of the New York Office of the sister of SONIA STARR as listed on the reverse side of the business card as noted above. (S) (u)

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At the time of the arrest of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, an address book was found in his possession containing a notation in Russian which, upon translation, reflected that this notation was the name [] followed by the telephone number CI 5-4250. (X)(u)

The current New York City telephone directory lists Tass Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, followed by the telephone number CI 5-4250. (X)(u)

The telegraph agency of the USSR, called Tass News Agency, was registered January 6, 1939 with the Attorney General under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended. Tass is the official news agency of the Russian Government and is described in its Foreign Agents Registration Statement as "the central information organ of the USSR and is under the counsel of Peoples Commissars of the USSR." The home office of Tass is located at #10 Tverskoy Boulevard, Moscow, USSR. The Tass office at 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, is a foreign bureau of Tass. There is also a sub-bureau at 969-971 National Press Building, Washington, D. C. (X)(u)

The New York Bureau of Tass was created in 1925 succeeding the New York Bureau of "Rosta", which had been established about January 1, 1923. The regulations regarding the functions and responsibilities of Tass were defined by official decree of the Soviet Government on January 15, 1935, at Moscow. These regulations contained a provision regarding the organization of correspondence bureaus and branches of Tass in foreign countries of the sending of special correspondence abroad. (X)(u)

The function of the New York and Washington Bureaus of Tass in the United States is to collect news for transmission to Moscow. (X)(u)

On page 61 of "Time" magazine, dated July 29, 1946, pertaining to the coverage of the Espionage trial of Russian Lieutenant NIKOLAI BEDIN, the following pertinent excerpts concerning Tass are being set out: (X)(u)

"The Agency's US boss is black-haired Vladimir Pravdin (translation: 'man of truth'), veteran Tass man, now vacationing in the USSR with his family. Acting Director for the summer is slim, handsome, secretive, Alexander Alexandrov, 32, who has spent three of his nine Tass years in the US, says he is not a Party member." (X)(u)

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The above article in "Time" further stated: (S)(u)

"Tass' ancestral predecessor was the Czarist Russian telegraph agency which worked hand-in-glove with the tight world news cartel promoted by England's Julius Reuter. In early Bolshevik days, it was revived as Rosta; Tass, born in 1925 took over Rosta ten years later. (S)(u)

"The job of re-building the Agency fell in 1921 to a dynamic, Polish-born old Bolshevik named Jacob Doletsky. Doletsky worked out news-exchange deals with AP boss Kent Cooper and UP president Carl Bickel. (AP and UP give Tass their own US news reports in return for Tass coverage of Russia). (S)(u)

"In 1937 Doletsky and his head staffers were suddenly purged as 'Trotzkyite bandits.' Since June, 1943 the 'chief responsible leader' of Tass has been one Nikolai Palgunov. (S)(u)

"In the GHQ Palgunov's overseas staff pours a daily torrent: full texts of speeches, magazine and newspaper articles, Government handouts, technical and business reports, verbatim pick-ups from AP, UP, the 'New York Times.' They need not bother to slant their stuff; Moscow takes care of that. But neither Moscow's big circulation four page dailys like 'Pravda' and 'Izvestia' nor any other Soviet paper prints much more foreign news than many small town US dailys. (S)(u)

"Nobody believes Tass' excess file is wasted. Being a Government agency, Tass serves the Kremlin as much as it does the press; and the Kremlin's vast intake can move quickly and cheaply by public rates. Tass men get to see a lot of things Russian diplomats might not. (S)(u)

"Tass men are expected to learn the language of the country where they work, ordinarily go out for three years at a time. (S)(u)

"During the war some Tass correspondents in France, Italy and Africa never cabled a line; they wore Red Army uniforms, were good mixers, vastly gathered military intelligence." (S)(u)

The supplementary Registration Statement for Tass, filed with the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., on November 1, 1948, for the six month period ending September 30, 1948, carried [redacted] as Acting Manager of Tass, New York City; his home address was furnished as [redacted] New York City. He was listed as a citizen of the USSR. (S)(u)

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According to [] PRL form on file with the State Department, he was originally listed as a correspondent for Tass in New York City but the Supplemental Exception Statement filed for the six month period ending March 31, 1946, is signed by [] in which he is listed as Acting Manager during the temporary absence of VLADIMIR PRAVDIN. According to the State Department record, [] was born on [] at Cheliabinsk, Russia, and arrived in the United States at San Francisco, California, on July 26, 1943. (S)(u)

At the time of [] arrival aboard the SS FELIX GZERJINSKY at San Francisco, California, on July 26, 1943, he furnished the following information to Bureau Agents: (S)(u)

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His name was given as [] He was bearing Russian passport [] issued in Moscow on April 24, 1943 and Diplomatic Visa 3 (1) [] issued at Kuibeshev, Russia, on June 12, 1943. [] stated at this time his destination was Tass, New York City. He described himself as being 5' 9", weight, 150 lbs., having light brown hair and blue eyes. (S)(u)

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V. GRIFFIN: (X)(u)

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN

When arrested, the subject had on his person a piece of paper with the following address: 216 East Broadway. The significance of this address is not known at this time. Investigation conducted at this address reflected that 216 East Broadway is an apartment house with nine tenants and four stores. It was ascertained that most of the tenants have resided there for a number of years. (X)(u)

Through the use of a pretext it was learned from MRS. HARRY HARAMIS, superintendent at the above address, that I. EFRON works for the United States Government in Washington, D. C., and visits his sister, MRS. ELI FLAXMAN, a tenant of 216 East Broadway every other weekend. MRS. HARAMIS did not know where EFRON worked in Washington, D. C. The Bureau was advised of this information on March 26, 1949, by teletype and requested to review its indices for information concerning I. EFRON. (X)(u)

MR. H. COHEN, a tailor and dressmaker with a store on the premises at the aforementioned address, advised that he personally knew all the tenants at 216 East Broadway and stated that they have all resided there for a number of years. Through the use of a pretext, it was learned from MR. COHEN that a MR. EFRON works for the United States Government in Washington, D. C., and visits his sister, MRS. FLAXMAN, every other weekend. During the course of this interview, MR. COHEN volunteered the information that he did tailoring work for employees of AMTORG. MR. COHEN did not volunteer any further information. (X)(u)

MR. GOMER JONES, Superintendent of the United States Post Office at 130 East Broadway, advised that on March 28, 1949, a letter was addressed to WEINMANN EFRON, 216 East Broadway, from B. EFRON, of 355 or 358 Parkland Boulevard, Washington, D. C. The Bureau and Washington Field Office were advised of this information by teletype on March 28, 1949. The Washington Field Office was requested to identify B. EFRON and ascertain if he is presently working for the United States Government. (X)(u)

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The indices of the New York Office were negative concerning the following tenants of 216 East Broadway: (X) (u)

ELI FLAXMAN

I. EFRON

IDA HANOVER

HARRY HARAMIS

RABBI N. WASSER

Palestine Educational and Benev-
olent Relief Society

An attempt will be made to identify the remaining tenants of 216 East Broadway through the indices of this office. (X) (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EDGAR C. FOREST and concerns the following notation which was included in the 1949 diary found on the subject's person at the time of his apprehension on March 4, 1949: (X)(u)

"EL 5-0439" and a name translated as being S. M. WOLFF. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] (U) has advised that the above noted telephone number is listed to W. M. CITRON, 316 East 55th Street, New York City. This informant also advised that CITRON maintained an account at the Manhattan Trust Company, 110th Street and Broadway, New York City. (X)(u) b7D

Investigation at the address 316 East 55th Street, a small apartment building, reflected that according to the hall directory the following individuals are listed as residing in one apartment: SERGE M. WOLFF, WOLF and ALICE CITRON, and RICHARD M. CLURMAN. (X)(u)

With respect to SERGE M. WOLFF, it is noted that according to Confidential Informant T-2, the subject's closest associate at the Headquarters Planning Commission of the United Nations at New York City was one SERGE WOLFF. The informant advised that WOLFF and the subject worked together and had associated socially. This informant made available the personnel file of WOLFF, which reflected the following: (X)(U)

SERGE MICHAEL WOLFF started with the United Nations on January 15, 1946, at the Refugee Conference in London as an interpreter. This employment lasted until June 15, 1946. On June 17, 1946, WOLFF departed for the United States. On August 12, 1946, WOLFF was assigned to the Russian Translation Section of the United Nations at Lake Success, New York. On April 16, 1947, he was assigned to the Headquarters Planning Office of the United Nations in New York City. He is presently under fixed contract from June 29, 1947 to June 28, 1949, at a salary of \$6,370 per year. (X)(U)

He stated he is a naturalized British citizen in 1939. He travels under British naturalization passport number 716307 and Imperial Certificate of Naturalization number AZ 30376, dated at London on August 7, 1947. His addresses are listed as the George Washington Hotel, New York City, and later, 316 East 55th Street, New York City. His permanent address is given as 15 Glenmore Road, London, England. (X)(U)

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He was born on July 25, 1902 at St. Petersburg, Russia. He was formerly stateless. He has two sons presently residing in England and one son, [redacted] years of age, who attends Greshams School at Norfolk, Virginia. His father, MICHAEL WOLFF and mother, SOPHIE WOLFF, were born in Russia. (X) (U)

From 1911 to 1918, WOLFF attended the School of Prince Tenishev in St. Petersburg. In 1921, he graduated from the Russian School at Warsaw. (X) (U)

From October, 1921 to January, 1922, he attended Christs College, Cambridge. From 1922 to 1927, he attended the University of Berlin in Germany. He states he lived in Germany from 1922 to 1933 and in England since 1933. He understands French quite well and Polish, and speaks and reads Russian fluently. He states from May, 1929 to 1930, he was with A.G. Fur Osthandel in Berlin, Germany. He stated when he arrived in London in 1933, he was engaged in the exporting of British goods to Eastern Europe. From March, 1937 to 1938, he was with "Cinetechnic Ltd.", which was the sole concessionaire of Andre Debrie Paris Film Equipment. He states from December, 1925 to May, 1929, he was Secretary General of the Trade Delegation of Mongolia and was later representative of the Ministry of Education and the Scientific Commission of the Peoples Republic of Mongolia. He states that prior to 1933 when in Germany, he helped the Jewish Welfare Bureau. From December, 1939 to January, 1946, he was with the British Broadcasting Corporation in England as a Russian monitor. From January, 1938 to December, 1939, he stated he was the English representative of the Diehl Manufacturing Company which is the electrical division of the Singer Manufacturing Company. (X) (U)

His United Nation references were Mr. BULLOCK, Managing Director, Singer, Ltd., 1 City Broad, London, England; Mr. DUCKWORTH BARKER, United Nations; Mr. NOEL J. NEWSOME, formerly of the British Broadcasting Corporation; and Mr. DOUGLOUS RITCHIE of the British Broadcasting Corporation. He states he has lived in Russia, Finland, France, Switzerland and Rumania. (X) (U)

His file further reflects that he published articles on Mongolia in Berlin, and he wrote for the "Contemporary Review" in London. He lectured on Mongolia at the Longellow, Berlin, Germany and at the Royal Anthropological Institute in London. His file further reflects that among the articles he has written are "Changing Russia" for General News Talk; another article is "Creative Thought in Soviet Russia" and "The Soviet Woman at War". (X) (U)

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He states that he has done broadcast work under a program entitled, "Opinion", which was beamed to the United States by the Empire Service in October, 1943. There was no picture available of WOLFF in this file and his record was clear. His main success with United Nations has been his liaison ability to get along with the Russian delegates to United Nations. His file reflects that in August, 1948 he was interpreter for, (U) KAMINSKYS (USSR) and that he recently has been Russian interpreter for Mr. BASSOV (USSR) at Headquarters Planning Commission, United Nations, New York City. (U)

His file reflected information by Mr. BYRON PRICE and Mr. EVITT, Australian, that the services of WOLFF are to be continued as a liaison man with the Russians due to his satisfactory past performances. (U)

T-2 described WOLFF as being a "slippery sort of individual". (U)

With respect to WOLF and ALICE CITRON, it is noted that the following information was obtained from files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City: (U)

WOLFGANG M. CITRON and his wife, ALICE CITRON, arrived in the United States at New York City on March 30, 1939, aboard the SS VULCANIA. They had last resided in Bled, Yugoslavia, and had emigrated to the United States directly from Naples, Italy. On coming to the United States, they had stated they were destined to Claremont Salzburg, Ramsey, New York. WOLFGANG CITRON was born on November 10, 1905 in Berlin, Germany. His parents were ALBERT CITRON and CHARLOTTE LEVINE, mother. (U)

It was noted that his mother had been deported from Germany to Poland and her present whereabouts are unknown. It was indicated that his father was deceased. WOLFGANG CITRON married his wife, ALICE SILBERSTEIN on October 15, 1932, in Berlin, Germany. ALICE CITRON was born on October 28, 1906 at Berlin, Germany, and her parents were HENRY SILBERSTEIN, father, and ROSA RAPPAPORT, mother. (U)

WOLFGANG and ALICE CITRON filed declaration of intention to become United States citizens on October 11, 1939, at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and both were admitted as United States citizens on December 18, 1944. Their residence addresses, all in New York City, since being in the United States were listed as follows: (U)

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April, 1939 to July, 1939 - 102 East 10th Street.
 July, 1939 to July, 1941 - 312 West 109th Street.
 July, 1941 to October, 1941 - 225 West 86th Street, c/o B. RETTSCHNEIDER.
 October, 1941 to October, 1942 - 14 West 95th Street.
 October, 1942 to present - 316 West 55th Street.

The employment record for WOLFGANG CITRON since his arrival in the United States was listed as follows:

March, 1939 to July, 1941 - Unemployed.
 July, 1941 to January, 1942 - Aufbau Publication
 67 West 44th Street
 New York City.
 October, 1942 to November, 1943 - Office of War Information, U.S.
 Department of State
 224 West 57th Street
 New York City.
 November, 1943 to last reported - Self-employed in foreign language
 research and as a writer.

The employment record for ALICE CITRON was listed as follows: Maisch Studio, Textile Design, 110 West 40th Street, New York City, and Barthon Studio, same address. It is noted that she listed her occupation as that of a textile designer.

WOLFGANG CITRON stated that he has belonged to the following organizations:

New World Club, 67 West 44th Street, New York City.
 New York Enthusiasts Club (hiking club).

The witnesses to the petitions for naturalization of both WOLFGANG and ALICE CITRON were ARNOLD SILBERSTEIN, uncle, retired, 8 East 3rd Street, New York City; and KATE LEVIN, cousin, wholesaler in hosiery, 250 West 85th Street, New York City. WOLFGANG CITRON also noted that he had a first cousin, GERHARD LEVIN, who as of May, 1944 was in the United States Army.

According to the files of Confidential Informant T-4 another government agency, they conducted an investigation which reflected

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that WOLFGANG CITRON had been in the textile printing business in Germany and had gone into bankruptcy. According to CITRON'S statement, he had not fled Germany, but had instituted dissolution proceedings prior to leaving Germany and believes that his father-in-law, a wealthy lawyer, may have taken care of his creditors in Germany. CITRON subsequently went to France where he acted as a private commercial agent, but after several of his customers had lost money, he left France inasmuch as he was unable to make a living there any longer. (S)(u)

It was noted that this office had no information reflecting upon the loyalty of WOLFGANG or ALICE CITRON. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant T-84 advised that according to the records of the United States State Department, 224 West 57th Street, New York City, WOLFGANG CITRON was employed by the Office of War Information from October 29, 1942 to November 16, 1943, at which time he resigned his position. This informant advised that the complete personnel file on CITRON was not available in New York City and had been forwarded to Washington, D.C. (S)(u)

It is noted that the files of the New York Office contained no information concerning SERGE M. WOLFF, WOLFGANG or ALICE CITRON, or RICHARD M. CLURMAN. (S)(u)

The following descriptions were obtained from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service: (S)(u)

Name:	WOLFGANG M. CITRON
Born:	November 10, 1905 at Berlin, Germany
Race:	White
Complexion:	Fair
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	160 lbs.
Wife:	Alice
Alien Registration No.:	2835748
F.B.I. No.:	3538640
Present address:	316 East 55th Street, New York City

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Name:	ALICE CITRON, nee Silberstein
Born:	October 28, 1906, Berlin, Germany
Race:	White
Complexion:	Fair
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	125 lbs.
Husband:	Wolfgang
Alien Registration No.:	2771279
Present address:	316 East 55th Street, New York City.

It is noted that photographs of both WOLFGANG and ALICE CITRON are on file at the Department of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City. (S)(u)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER P. GAVIN at New York City on March 25, 1949: (S)(u)

The following entries were noted in VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV'S 1949 diary found on his person March 4, 1949 at the time of search incidental to his arrest: (S)(u)

Greg. Samoilov. Kamin. 5 Sons - Mex

JA 3-9313 Yuri Vlad.

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[Greg. Samoilov. Kamin. 5 Sons - Mex] (S)(u)

Mrs. MARIE BOGUSLAV, Translator, Federal Bureau of Investigation, observed this entry in GUBITCHEV'S diary and stated that it appeared to be the abbreviation for GREGORI SAMOILOVICH KAMINSKY. It was noted that the portion of this entry set forth as "5 Sons - Mex" is illegible. (S)(u)

There was no record located in the New York indices concerning GREG. SAMOILOV. KAMIN., GREGORI SAMOILOVICH KAMINSKY, GREGORI SAMOILOVICH KAMIN, or GREGORI SAMOILOVICH. (S)(u)

There was no record concerning the above located at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] (U) was unable to furnish any information concerning this individual. (S)(u)

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The records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, New York City, were checked for information concerning the above, with negative results. (S)(u)

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Mrs. MARIE BOGUSLAV, Translator, Federal Bureau of Investigation, observed this entry in VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV'S diary and stated that this entry appeared to be the first name of an individual named [redacted] whose middle name is [redacted] the last name not being set forth. (S)(u)

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that the subscriber of telephone listing [redacted] is [redacted] Queens, New York. Informant reported that this individual's last name is also known as [redacted] and [redacted] (S) (u)

It was noted that the Queens Address Telephone Directory contained the following listing under [redacted] (S) (u)

The Telephone Directory of Lake Success, New York dated February 1, 1949 contained the following: [redacted] ECA, Economic Stability and Development Division, Extension [redacted] Room G-208". (S) (u)

The following information concerning this individual was obtained from the New York files: (S) (u)

By letter dated November 14, 1946 the Bureau reported the following information obtained from [redacted] visa application: (S) (u)

Name
Title

[redacted]
Third Secretary of the United
Nations Organization

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Born

Diplomatic
[redacted] Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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A photograph of this individual is maintained in the New York Office. (S) (u)

Immigration and Naturalization Service files, San Francisco, reflected that [redacted] departed by aircraft aboard the Pan American Airways NC 88886, which left from San Francisco on May 26, 1947 for Manila, Philippine Islands. [redacted] description was set out as age 32, married, nationality Russian, occupation ECON Officer, passport issued New York, November 2, 1947. (S) (u)

[Simon Schmiderer KI 9-8399 Far. Sub. to 242] (S) (u)

No record of a SIMON SCHMIDERER was located in the New York indices.. (S) (u)

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Confidential Informant [redacted] identified the subscriber of KI 9-8399 as SIMON SCHMIDERER, 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx, New York. (S)(u)

The Bronx AddressTelephone Directory contained the following listing only for 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx: "SIMON SCHMIDERER, KI 9-8399". (S)(u)

At 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx, it was ascertained that a one-family house is located at this address. It was ascertained that this house is owned by Mr. SCHMIDERER and that nobody else resides there except Mr. and Mrs. SCHMIDERER and family. (S)(u)

The following information concerning SIMON SCHMIDERER was obtained from Selective Service records, New York City: (S)(u)

SIMON SCHMIDERER registered at Local Board 127, New York City, on October 16, 1940 from 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx. He was born on January 11, 1911 at Saalfelden, Austria. His wife, [redacted] resides at the same address. At the time of registration SCHMIDERER was employed by CROSS & CROSS, 515 Madison Avenue, New York City. (S)(u)

In his questionnaire dated March 17, 1941 SCHMIDERER indicated his telephone number as KI 9-8399 and his Social Security Number as 129-01-0065. He indicated that he studied architecture at Vienna and London. He married his wife [redacted] whose age was noted as [redacted] at London, England, on May 8, 1938. He has a son, [redacted] years old, and daughter, [redacted] (ages as of March 17, 1941). He is an Austrian citizen, Alien Registration Number 1840986, and has been in the United States since August 8, 1938. SCHMIDERER filed his first papers on October 19, 1938 in New York City under Number 421903. (S)(u)

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Other employment of SCHMIDERER was listed as: (S)(u)

1942 - SLOAN & BEHRENS, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City

February 15, 1943 - STONOROV & KAHN, Bulletin Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (S)(u)

August 4, 1943 - HARRISON, FOUILLOUX & ABRAMOWITZ, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. (S)(u)

SCHMIDERER'S family status as of August 24, 1943 was noted as follows: Father - SIMON SCHMIDERER, 55; Mother - PAULA, 53; Brother - [redacted] (all in Saalfelden, Austria); Wife's Mother - DOROTHY BURLINGHAM, (S)(u)

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521 London: Wife's Sister - [redacted] Montreal; Wife's Brother - [redacted]
[redacted] Wife's Brother - [redacted] (U)

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York contained a report dated March 24, 1947 which indicated that SIMON SCHMIDERER, 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx, is 40 years of age, married, two children. He is reported to own the property located at 5469 Sylvan Avenue in the Bronx. He has lived there for seven years. SCHMIDERER is employed as an architect and designer by HARRISON & ABRAMOWITZ, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, and has been employed there for a period of three years. (U)

Confidential Informant [redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning SIMON SCHMIDERER. (U)

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It is known that SCHMIDERER has owned his house at 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx, since 1946 and has resided at this address since May 10, 1940. (U)

Motor Vehicle records, New York City, reflected that SIMON SCHMIDERER, 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx, is the registered owner of a 1941 Chrysler sedan, Motor Number C-2820365, bearing New York license plates 6 N 8383. These records indicate SCHMIDERER'S business address as care of HARRISON, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 63, New York. SCHMIDERER'S business address on his application for operator's license is listed as HARRISON AND ABRAMOWITZ, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (U)

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Pierre H. LeVec. and is predicated upon the notation "HELBURN" followed by the Russian words meaning "Book Shop" as reflected in the 1949 Diary found upon subject's person at the time of his apprehension. (S)(u)

The Classified Section of the Manhattan Telephone Directory reveals that WILLIAM HELBURN, INC., 15 E. 55th St., deals in architectural and general art books. (S)(u)

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[redacted] (U) furnished a report dated February 25, 1946 for WILLIAM HELBURN INC. was reviewed and the following information was reflected: (S)(u)

President of the company is WILLIAM WALTER HELBURN described as being 37 years old, married, son of the treasurer and an officer of the company since 1926. Vice-president of the company is ALFRED HORN, 59 years old, married, and with the firm for a number of years. The Treasurer of the company is listed as MORRIS L. HELBURN, age 62, married, native born and son of the late WILLIAM HELBURN who originally started the business in 1882. Secretary of the company is HANNA D. HELBURN, a member of the family, who was elected secretary in 1942. (S)(u)

The company was chartered on March 1, 1915, and retails, wholesales, publishes and collects architectural and industrial art books. Their principal volume is indicated to be retail sales. As a matter of interest, in December 1941 the management stated that up to that time the business had been operating at a loss since 1930. A statement by MORRIS L. HELBURN on February 1, 1946 gave the net worth of the business as \$50,627.00. It is described as an old family business employing three persons and occupying the second floor of the building at 15 E. 55th Street. (S)(u)

A check of the New York Office files reflected that in December 1942, the New York Office received an anonymous letter concerning one FRED FROHNWEISER, alias AL FRED HORN, alleging Nazi sympathies on the part of FROHNWEISER. He was discharged from the New York Navy Yard on September 14, 1943 in the interest of national security, having also addressed a letter to the Commandant of the New York Navy Yard expressing Nazi sympathies and protesting the bombing of German cities by (S)(u)

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the Allies. The ONI investigation indicated that FROHNWEISER owned a farm in Germany which he willed to the town of Iainach for rental to a German veteran of the recent war. No known connection with subversive organizations was reflected in the ONI investigation. (S)(u)

FROHNWEISER was born February 2, 1888 in Iainach, Austria, and was described as being 5' 7" tall, 162 lbs; brown eyes, brown hair, single, and naturalized as a United States citizen on December 15, 1930. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the ALFRED HORN, Vice-President of WILLIAM HELBURN, INC. However, it is noted that ALFRED HORN of the HELBURN CO., was 58 years old in 1946 which would also be the age of FRED FROHNWEISER who used the name of ALFRED HORN. The files of the New York Office did not reflect any other information concerning the members of the firm of WILLIAM HELBURN INC., which may be of any value to instant investigation. (S)(u)

The notation "SYSKA & HENNESSY-MO-4-2860" was also contained in 1949 Diary found in the possession of subject at the time of his apprehension. It is noted that the exchange symbol MO, which formerly stood for MOHAWK, is no longer in use and inquiry at the New York Telephone Company revealed that all telephone numbers which formerly began "MO-4" were given the designation of Lexington-2 in March 1948. This is illustrated by the fact that the firm of SYSKA & HENNESSY, Consulting Engineers, is listed in the current edition of the Manhattan Telephone Directory with the telephone number Lexington 2-2860. (S)(u)

A report of [redacted] (U) dated November 22, 1948 concerning the partnership of SYSKA & HENNESSY was reviewed by SA. Pierre H. LeVec and reflected the following information: (S)(u)

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The partners are ADOLPH G. SYSKA and JOHN F. HENNESSY. The business was originally established in October 1928 and was formed into a partnership in February 1940. During April 1940 the partners also became partners in the firm of KELLY, SYSKA & HENNESSY, Consulting Engineers. That firm was organized to handle certain contracts formerly beyond the scope of SYSKA & HENNESSY and the firm has subsequently been discontinued. (S)(u)

ADOLPH G. SYSKA was described in the report of [redacted] (U) as a native-born graduate engineer, 53 years old. He was originally (S)(u)

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employed by the New York Central Railroad and later by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is also Vice-President of SYSKA-HENNESSY ENGINEERS, INC. Consulting Engineers, a New York corporation chartered in June 1923, and an officer in ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., a building maintenance firm which was incorporated under New York laws October 9, 1935. As of November 1948 the latter company was inactive. (S)(u)

JOHN F. HENNESSY is described as a native-born graduate engineer, Class of 1924 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is married and approximately forty-five years old. He became a partner in the firm of SYSKA & HENNESSY in October 1948, and is also an officer in SYSKA-HENNESSY ENGINEERS, INC., and ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., the latter being inactive. It is further reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] that the SYSKA-HENNESSY ENGINEERS, INC., changed its corporate title to SYSKA & HENNESSY COMPANY, INC. HENNESSY is the President and Treasurer of that corporation, and SYSKA is the Vice-President and Secretary. (S)(u)

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SYSKA & HENNESSY, the partnership, is described as a firm of consulting engineers specializing in drawing specifications for large constructions including public buildings, apartment houses, hotels and other institutions. In some instances the partnership also supervises construction work. All transactions are with architects and contractors on a fee basis. (S)(u)

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect that ADOLPH GUSTAVE SYSKA and wife ELSIE, reside at 1 Hemlock Rd., Bronxville, N.Y. The credit report dated January 5, 1949, indicates that SYSKA has been a member of the firm of SYSKA & HENNESSY, 114 E. 39th St. for over twenty years. SYSKA is described as being married and in his fifties. He formerly lived at 3 Alden Place, Bronxville, N.Y., in an apartment and also lived at 170 Vermilyea Ave., New York City, before moving to his present address which is a one-family dwelling in a good residential section. It is indicated that SYSKA has been in the New York area since September 1930. The credit report reflects that SYSKA has maintained a personal account since January 1942, at the Grand Central Branch of the Chase National Bank, generally maintaining a high four-figure balance. The firm of SYSKA & HENNESSY also maintains accounts at that bank. No record of ADOLPH G. SYSKA was located in the New York file. (X)(u)

Another report from the Credit Bureau of Greater New York dated April 6, 1944, reflects that LT. COL. JOHN FRANCIS HENNESSY and wife DOROTHY A., reside at 180 E. 95th St., New York City. HENNESSY'S temporary residence on that date was given as 1 Scott Circle, Washington, D. C. Former addresses were given as; 1341 Norton Dr., Far Rockaway, L.I., and 4513 Livingston Ave., Riverdale, N.Y. HENNESSY is described as being 53 years of age, married, with two children. At the time of this credit report his wife was living at the 95th St. address, a private dwelling held in the name of DOROTHY HENNESSY according to the title which was taken April 4, 1940. It was indicated that from 1936 to 1940 the HENNESSYS leased the house on Livingston Ave., Riverdale, N.Y. at approximately \$100.00 per month rent. (X)(u)

As of April 1944, HENNESSY was described as a Lt. Col. in the U. S. Army stationed in Washington, D.C., and also a member of the firm SYSKA & HENNESSY now of 114 E. 39th St., but formerly at 420 Lexington Ave. He was stated to have been a member of the firm for 16 years, although he has been a consulting engineer for about 27 years. SYSKA & HENNESSY is described as a well-established business employing about 15 persons. The credit report reflects that JOHN F. HENNESSY has maintained an account in the Bronx County Trust Co., since November 1939, and also has an account at the GUARANTY TRUST CO. which was opened in November 1943. Satisfactory balances are maintained in both accounts. (X)(u)

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No identifiable record of JOHN F. HENNESSY was located in the New York Office files. (X)(u)

Another notation in the 1949 Diary in the possession of subject at the time of his apprehension appears to be "MUZER-MO 4-1180". It is noted that this number was changed to Lexington 2-1180 in March 1948 and inquiry at the New York Telephone Company reflects that this number is assigned to the firm of MORAN, PROCTOR, FREEMAN & MUESER, Consulting Engineers at 420 Lexington Ave. The name "MUZER" apparently refers to WILLIAM H. MUESER one of the partners in that firm. (X)(u) (U)

Confidential Informant [] advised on March 4, 1949 that the current partners in the firm of MORAN, PROCTOR, FREEMAN & MUESER are CARLTON S. PROCTOR, GEORGE L. FREEMAN and WILLIAM H. MUESER. The business was originally established in 1919 by DANIEL E. MORAN and CARLTON S. PROCTOR, as MORAN & PROCTOR. MORAN died in 1937 and the present name was registered in September 1939 by the three partners. The title has been re-registered in recent years to admit GEORGE W. GLICK and GEORGE GILMAN as partners. However, GLICK resigned in April 1946 and GILMAN died in September 1948. The present partnership was registered in September 1948. (X)(u) (U)

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(U) Information furnished by Confidential Informant [] reflects that CARLTON S. PROCTOR is native born and graduated as a Civil Engineer in the Class of 1913 at PRINCETON. From 1916 to 1918 he was superintendent of construction of the New York architectural firm of McKENSIE, VOORHEES & SMITH in their Washington, D.C. office. He served as a captain from 1918 to 1919 directing several large construction jobs in the construction branch of the Army Engineers. During World War II PROCTOR again served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the rank of Colonel. After serving as Commanding Officer of the Desert District, Persian Gulf Command, he was retired from line of duty in January 1944 because of disability. He is indicated to be a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, past vice-president and president of the Princeton Engineering Association and over the years has contributed 28 engineering articles for professional publications. PROCTOR is also listed as a director of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of New York City, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, and a director of the American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., 2 Rector St. New York City. The latter is a large utility holding company. (X)(u) (U)

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GEORGE L. FREEMAN is described as a graduate of the UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, and a Civil Engineer. Prior to joining the firm in 1929 he was employed as Chief Engineer of the Foundation Company. (S)(u)

(U) WILLIAM H. MUESER, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] is a Civil Engineer, a graduate of the Class of 1925 at M.I.T. and has been with the firm since 1926. (S)(u)

MORAN, PROCTOR, FREEMAN & MUESER are a firm of consulting engineers designing and supervising constructions, foundations, buildings, bridges, dams, etc. A partial list of the jobs in which this firm has participated contains such construction jobs as the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco, the Federal Reserve Bank Building in New York City, and the Federal buildings in Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. It is further stated that work is also undertaken by the firm in foreign countries and that the Palace of the Soviets in Moscow, Russia, was constructed and designed by this company. They are also stated to have participated in the construction of the Royal Bank of Canada building, the Parina Plant of the Longstreet Cement Co. in Argentina, and several other large contract construction jobs for the government. (S)(u)

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect that WILLIAM H. MUESER and wife EDNA MEYER, reside on Ivy Hill Rd. Lawrence Farms, N.Y. in the Mt. Kisco area. Instant credit report which is dated March 13, 1947, describes MUESER as being 45 years old, married, with one dependant. He has resided since 1943 in his own one-family, 2½ story, 8-room, frame, stucco home. Prior to that time he lived at 8 Hobart St., Bronxville, N.Y. and other former addresses are listed as Scarsdale, N.Y., and Bradford Rd., New Rochelle, N.Y. According to the credit report MUESER has been a member of the firm of MORAN, PROCTOR, FREEMAN & MUESER for over 20 years. His income is not known, but a joint account has been maintained at the Grand Central Branch of the Chase National Bank since September 1943. The balance maintained in this account is described as varying from a high three-figures to a low four-figures. (S)(u)

No record of WILLIAM H. MUESER was located in the New York files. (S)(u)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Michael J. McDonagh on March 23, 1949: (S)(u)

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The 1949 diary found on VALENTINE GUBITCHEV's person at the time of his arrest contained the notation of a telephone number [redacted] followed by Russian writing which, upon translation, was determined to be [redacted] (S)(u)

[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that telephone number [redacted] was subscribed to by [redacted] of [redacted] Queens, New York. (S)(u) (U)

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Mrs. LOUISE MAYNARD, Clerk in the office of ALBERT B. ASHFORTH, Agent for Parkway Village, 81-20 - 150th Street, Queens, New York, advised that [redacted] was a resident in [redacted] Parkway Village, Queens, New York since September of 1947. She advised that [redacted] was a United Nations' employee engaged in public relations work and had come to the United States from Russia. He is married and his wife's name is [redacted] (S)(u)

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City reflect that [redacted] with alias [redacted] was born in Moscow, Russia on [redacted] Travelling on Diplomatic Passport [redacted] he arrived in New York City from Ottawa, Canada on May 8, 1947. He was granted a visa in Moscow, Russia on December 24, 1946 as a second secretary to the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations. [redacted] was in the United States from August to October, 1946; May to September, 1947; and his last entrance into the United States was on December 14, 1948 aboard the plane "Gahen". He departed from the United States at New York City on February 16, 1949, probably aboard the ship SS STOCKHOLM. (S)(u)

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The New York Office files reflect that [redacted] wife, [redacted] was born in 1909 in Moscow, Russia. She travelled on Soviet Diplomatic Passport [redacted] A copy of the photograph of both [redacted] and his wife are in the possession of the New York Office. (S)(u) (U)

The United Nations' telephone directory dated February 1, 1949 lists [redacted] as being connected with the Department of Public Information, Radio Division. (S)(u)

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Thomas H. Zoeller: (S)(u)

The investigation is predicated on business cards and sales slips found on the person of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV incidental to his arrest, on March 4 1949. (S)(u)

There was found a printed card bearing the name, "W. C. WILLIAMS CORPORATION, 224 West 49th Street, Hotel Forest, New York City, EDWARD SHINDLER". There was also on this card a rubber stamp with the following: "United Nations Headquarters Planning Office, 405 East 42nd Street". (S)(u)

Mr. B. J. FEINER, Office Manager of the W. C. WILLIAMS CORPORATION, which is located on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Forest, at 224 West 49th Street, advised that their company deals in electrical appliances and radio and television sets. He stated that EDWARD SHINDLER is the president of the company and referred to him as the company's outside man. He explained this by stating that SHINDLER distributes the company's cards to all large corporations and organizations. At the time he distributes the cards he informs the Personnel Manager of the companies, or whoever he talks to at these companies, that if their employees do business with the W. C. WILLIAMS CORPORATION, they will receive a discount. Mr. FEINER checked his records, and advised that GUBITCHEV has no account at the store and is sure that he has never bought anything there. (S)(u)

Mr. EDWARD SHINDLER, president of the W. C. WILLIAMS CORPORATION, who presently resides at 69-39 Yellowstone Boulevard, Forest Hills, Long Island, and formerly resided at 201 West 16th Street, New York City, advised that he has on several occasions taken the company's calling cards to the United Nations office, located at 405 East 42nd Street. He stated that he has distributed these cards throughout the building at that address. He advised that he has never heard of GUBITCHEV as a customer and that, to his knowledge, GUBITCHEV never purchased anything at the store. In explanation of the United Nations stamp which appeared on the card, Mr. SHINDLER advised that that stamp was placed there by the United Nations Headquarters Planning Office and not by his company. (S)(u)

On the above printed card of the W. C. WILLIAMS CORPORATION, there was written in pencil the following notation: "GARY UTILITIES, 16 East 43rd Street, fifth floor, Mr. WINTHROP". (S)(u)

Mr. T. A. GARY, who operates a store called GARY UTILITIES, at 791 Second Avenue, New York City, and another store at 16 East 43rd Street, which (S)(u)

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store is located on the fifth floor, consulted his records, and advised that he has never had an employee at either store by the name of WINTHROP. He pointed out that the Second Avenue store is known as GARY UTILITIES, and the store at 16 East 43rd Street is known simply as T. A. GARY. Both stores deal in electrical appliances and radio and television equipment. The only explanation that GARY could give for the name Mr. WINTHROP being connected with the name of his store, is that a man of that same name, who works at the United Nations Building, at 405 East 42nd Street, New York City, has bought several items at his Second Avenue store and has been given several of the calling cards of the company. GARY said that WINTHROP was supposed to send a lot of business to the store, but to date he has sent very little. He advised that in all probability, WINTHROP had given the name of his store to GUBITCHEV. (X) (u)

He checked the records of both of his stores, and advised that GUBITCHEV has no account at either store, and to his knowledge has never made any purchases. (X) (u)

GARY stated that he did not know in what capacity WINTHROP is employed at the UN, but he is sure that he has an office of some sort there. He consulted his records and advised that R. F. WINTHROP resides at 2506 Davidson Avenue, Bronx 63, New York. (X) (u)

Confidential Informant T-2 made appropriate inquiries which reflected that R. F. WINTHROP is not a United Nations employee. He is connected with the United Nations Headquarters Planning Commission, Manhattan Building, New York City, which is a separate unit from the United Nations. T-2 stated that he possibly might be a consultant connected with some New York firms of engineers. T-2 was unable to get further information at this time, but stated that he would make further inquiries regarding R. F. WINTHROP's connection with the United Nations. (X) (U)

A card bearing the name "HARRY DINKIN, Men's Tailor, 64 West 48th Street" is among the cards in GUBITCHEV's possession. (X) (u)

The files of the New York Office reflect that on February 8, 1946, HARRY DINKIN was paid \$1500.00 by check withdrawn from the Soviet Consulate bank account, New York City. On August 27, 1946 DINKIN was paid \$210.00 by check. On February 21, 1947, DINKIN was paid \$105.00 by check. (X) (u)

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On November 27, 1942, an examination of the bank account of HARRY and NETTIE DINKIN of 16 Cabrini Boulevard, Bronx, New York, at the Harlem Savings Bank, 180th Street and Broadway, New York City, revealed that a \$45.00 check was deposited on January 31, 1941. A check in the amount of \$47.50 was deposited on March 9, 1941. These checks were drawn on the Russian Embassy or employees of the Embassy, in Washington, D. C. (U) (U)

Confidential Informant T-5 made available a Christmas card mailed by HARRY DINKIN, 64 West 48th Street, on December 29, 1948 at New York City to Mr. IPOLITOV, 1125 16th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. It is believed that this card was mailed to IVAN IVANOVICH IPOLITOV, the Secretary to the Russian Ambassador, Washington, D. C. (U) (U)

A sales slip of the Burjac Sportswear, Inc., 260 West 39th Street, New York City, was also in GUBITCHEV's possession. Confidential Informant T-6 furnished cards mailed December 31, 1948 by Burjac Sportswear, Inc., with the signature ALEX COHN, 260 West 39th Street, New York City. The cards were mailed to Mr. A. POLAKOV, 1125 16th Street, Northwest, and to Mr. P. ABALIKHIN, 1119 16th Street, Northwest, both Washington, D. C. It is believed that these two men are employees of the Russian Embassy at Washington, D. C. (U) (U)

On December 1, 1944, while PAVEL P. MIKHAILOV, Vice Consul of the Russian Consulate in New York City, was under surveillance by agents of the New York Office, he was observed to enter the Burjac Sportswear, Inc., located on the 18th floor of 260 West 39th Street. MIKHAILOV was observed to leave the store shortly thereafter with a package, and go directly to the Russian Consulate. (U) (U)

Investigation reflects that the Burjac Sportswear, Inc. manufactures leather and clothe sport jackets. The active principal in the company is ALEXANDER COHN. COHN is described as 45 years old, married, Russian born, but a naturalized citizen. COHN also owns the stock of the American Sportswear Manufacturing Company, Inc., located at the same address. (U) (U)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT M. KANE: (X)(u)

At the time of his arrest GUBITCHEV had in his possession two salesmen's cards from Macy's, 34th and Broadway, bearing the names M. SCHREIER, Men's Clothing, and C. HENDERSON, Major Appliances. (X)(u)

JOHN W. HENNESSY, Supervisor, Protection Department, Macy's, advised that MAX SCHREIER had been employed as a salesman since March 22, 1909. He resides at 600 West 190th Street, New York. (X)(u)

ROBERT GRINDALL, SCHREIER'S Supervisor, advised that he believed him to be unquestionably loyal. He stated that SCHREIER has been extremely ill for the past three months and is presently near death at New York Hospital. (X)(u)

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, reflected that SCHREIER was born on February 22, 1887, in Poland and was naturalized on January 13, 1916 in the New York State Supreme Court. (X)(u)

The indices of the New York Office contain no references to SCHREIER. (X)(u)

Mr. HENNESSY also advised that CHRISTOPHER HENDERSON, 149 Central Avenue, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, has been employed as a salesman since September 19, 1935. The store records reflect that he was born on August 12, 1900 at Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, and was graduated from Saint Mary's College there. (X)(u)

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, reflected that HENDERSON entered the United States at Brooklyn on January 9, 1918 and was naturalized in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, at Brooklyn, on May 21, 1929. (X)(u)

Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflected his birthdate as August 12, 1899. (X)(u)

The indices of the New York Office contain no references to HENDERSON. (X)(u)

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HENDERSON advised that he was unable to recall GUBITCHEV but stated that it was customary to give cards such as the one in GUBITCHEV'S possession to any customer who might be expected to return. (S)(u)

There was also found in GUBITCHEV'S possession a salesman's card from Saks-34th Street, New York, bearing the name [redacted] Men's Clothing. (S)(u)

TERENCE J. COLLINS, General Superintendent, Saks-34th, advised that [redacted] Bronx, New York, had been employed as a salesman since November 1, 1945. He was born on [redacted] at New York. (S)(u)

The indices of the New York Office contain no references to [redacted] (S)(u)

[redacted] advised that he did not recall GUBITCHEV at all and stated also that he was in the practice of giving cards similar to that found in GUBITCHEV'S possession to any customer whom he expected to return to the store. (S)(u)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Thomas W. Curran on March 23rd and 24th, 1949: (X)(u)

This investigation concerns a business card which was found in GUBITCHEV'S effects, bearing the name ALLEN A. BELENKY, M.D., 38 Central Park South, New York City, telephone number PLaza 3-7008. (X)(u)

ALLEN A. BELENKY was identified by the Medical Directory for the City of New York as being a Doctor who graduated from Tulane in 1929 and is presently engaged in the practice of medicine at 38 Central Park South, New York City. (X)(u)

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflected the following information on BELENKY: (X)(u)

His real name is ABE ALLEN BELENKY. He stated that he adopted the name he now uses merely through preference. A credit report dated September 29, 1947 reflects that BELENKY has an office at 38 Central Park South; resides at 339 East 58th Street in apartment 6A, and has been in New York City since 1938. It further describes BELENKY as having graduated from Tulane University and the Louisiana School of Medicine in 1929; lists his birth date as 1901, and states that he banks at the Corn Exchange Bank, New York City, where he maintains a medium three figure checking account. This same report lists BELENKY'S wife as THELMA BURWASSER BELENKY, and reflects derogatory credit information based on slow payment to stores. (X)(u)

A review of the files of the New York Office on BELENKY reflects that A. A. BELENKY, 38 Central Park South, was a delegate to the Congress of the League of American Writers. (X)(u)

A review of the New York indices on THELMA BURWASSER and THELMA BELENKY was negative. (X)(u)

The following investigation concerns a business card found in GUBITCHEV'S effects from the PINE LUGGAGE COMPANY, 408 Eighth Avenue, New York City: (X)(u)

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Mr. HARRY PINE, who describes himself as the sole owner of the PINE LUGGAGE COMPANY, advised that he has done a large amount of business with the Soviet Purchasing Commission and, through that contact, he has since sold luggage to many Russian Nationals. Mr. PINE states that his only Russian language ability is to quote prices and describe luggage that he has for sale. PINE further stated that he remembered GUBITCHEV as a customer who had purchased luggage from him; but that he had no other contact with GUBITCHEV. (S)(u)

A review of the New York files on HARRY PINE reflects that a very reliable confidential source had advised that between September 2, 1944 and March 25, 1947 H. PINE and HARRY PINE had been the payee on numerous checks drawn by the Soviet Consulate on the First National Bank of New York City. (S)(u)

The files also reflect that on December 13, 1944 a car belonging to PINE made a delivery to the Russian Consulate. (S)(u)

The files further reflect that a confidential informant of known reliability advised that on December 22, 1943 an unidentified man contacted GANIN (phonetic), at the AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION, and asked him to get in touch with the PINE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, located at 408 Eighth Avenue, concerning the four trunks which he had ordered from that firm. (S)(u)

The following investigation was conducted regarding a charge slip from NORMAN M. MORRIS, INC., 608 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, New York, which set out that V. GUBITCHEV had placed a watch with that company for repairs. This slip indicates the make of the watch as being an Omega and lists the repair price as \$9.75. (S)(u)

Mr. EDWARD MORRIS, Treasurer of NORMAN M. MORRIS, INC., advised that that corporation is the exclusive agent for the Omega watch within the United States and that they had sold many of these watches to the Soviet Purchasing Commission, which resold them to Russian Nationals. MORRIS stated that when the watches were resold by the Soviet Purchasing Commission the purchaser was generally advised that in the event of any trouble with the watch it should be brought to the MORRIS firm for repairs. (S)(u)

When first interviewed EDWARD MORRIS thought that GUBITCHEV had come to the MORRIS firm personally to pick out the watch; however, among GUBITCHEV'S effects a sales slip from the Service Department of the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the United States was found, which indicated the sale of an Omega watch to GUBITCHEV on November 28, 1946. (S)(u)

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Mr. MORRIS checked his records around that date and failed to find anything that would indicate the fact that GUBITCHEV had picked the watch out personally. He stated that the man he had thought to be GUBITCHEV had been in during the past six months, therefore, it is improbable that Mr. MORRIS had any personal contact with GUBITCHEV. (S)(u)

A check of the New York indices on the MORRIS firm was negative. (S)(u)

The following investigation concerns a catalogue from the MASTERS MART, INC., 66 West 48th Street, New York 19, New York, which had been mailed to GUBITCHEV, care of the United Nations, 405 East 42nd Street, New York City. (S)(u)

Mr. VINCENT BONGIORNO, Manager of the MASTERS MART STORE, advised that that store customarily gives a discount to all United Nations personnel and thereby has gained a considerable following with the people from the United Nations. BONGIORNO further stated that when an individual makes an initial purchase he is requested to list his name and address with the store and thereafter catalogues are sent out periodically. BONGIORNO stated that there was no record of any purchases by GUBITCHEV at that store; that it was a cash sales establishment, and that for the most part customers carried their purchases out with them. (S)(u)

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The following investigation was conducted at New York City by
SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN (S)(u)

This investigation is predicated upon three business cards found on the person of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV on his arrest on March 4, 1949. The cards in his possession were business cards of: (S)(u)

- 1) D. STEFAN, Wholesale and Retail Leather, 78 Mott Street
- 2) Levine and Smith, Inc., Coats, Suits, Furs, 22-24 Division Street, New York. The name M. COHEN was written in ink across the face of the card.
- 3) The Mozelle Furs, 32-34 Division Street, New York, with the printed name of ARON GREISMAN appearing on the card. (S)(u)

Investigation at 78 Mott Street, New York City, reflected D. STEFAN to be one DAVE STEFAN, sole proprietor of a small wholesale and retail leather goods shop. A check of the office indices failed to reflect any record of DAVE STEFAN. (S)(u)

Mr. DAVE STEFAN, home address 8747 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he operates a wholesale and retail leather goods concern on a strictly cash basis. Mr. STEFAN added that he has many customers, but keeps no name records concerning them. He said, however, that up to a period of approximately eight months ago many Russians appeared at his store and purchased skins and sole leather in orders ranging from fifteen to forty dollars and stated at that time that they were from Amtorg, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, and from the United Nations, Park Avenue. On each occasion, Mr. STEFAN advised, he gave the customer a number of his business cards and requested that they be passed out among their friends. On some of these sales Mr. STEFAN stated that the Russians requested a receipt for custom purposes, however, a search of available records failed to reflect any receipt made out in the name of GUBITCHEV. Mr. STEFAN stated that he could not recall the name GUBITCHEV as one of his customers. (S)(u)

Mr. IRWIN POLTER, Manager, Levine and Smith, Inc., 22-24 Division Street, New York City, stated that the M. COHEN appearing on the business card is one MORRIS COHEN of 2725 Webb Avenue, Bronx, a Sunday salesman at his concern. Mr. POLTER stated that COHEN has been employed one day (S)(u)

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a week for approximately two years, and that everything he knew concerning him was favorable. POLTER added that he had no reason to doubt COHEN'S loyalty or patriotism to the United States. Mr. POLTER searched the sales record of his concern and failed to locate any record of a sale to GUBITCHEV. Mr. POLTER stated that he believed COHEN was employed by Russeks Fifth Avenue, Incorporated, during the week. (S) (u)

Miss LILLIAN ROCK, Personnel Manager, Russeks Fifth Avenue, Incorporated, stated that MORRIS ABRAHAM COHEN, 2725 Webb Avenue, Bronx, has been employed since November 24, 1945, and during this time she had occasion to observe him and engage in conversation with him on many occasions. She stated that she knew nothing derogatory concerning COHEN and believed him to be a loyal American. A check of the office indices failed to reflect any record of MORRIS A. COHEN. (S) (u)

Mr. MORRIS A. COHEN, 2725 Webb Avenue, Bronx, stated that he is employed at Levine and Smith, Inc., on Sundays, and that in the course of his employment hands out a great number of business cards with his name, M. COHEN, written in ink across the face of them. Mr. COHEN stated that he had no recollection of ever meeting GUBITCHEV. Mr. COHEN was presented with a photograph of subject and stated that he recognized the picture from the newspapers, but could not recall ever meeting him otherwise. (S) (u)

Investigation at 32-34 Division Street, New York, reflected Mozelle Furs to be a small retail fur establishment and one ARON GREISMAN to be a salesman of this concern. The name ARON GREISMAN appeared on the window of the concern and GREISMAN apparently was the only employee. A check of the office indices failed to reflect any record of ARON GREISMAN. (S) (u)

Mr. ARON GREISMAN stated that he is employed as a salesman at Mozelle Furs and in the course of his employment passes out his business cards to every caller at the store. Mr. GREISMAN stated that he did not know GUBITCHEV or recall him ever calling at the store. Mr. GREISMAN was presented with a photograph of the subject and he again stated that he had no recollection of ever seeing GUBITCHEV. (S) (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM F. NORTON, Jr.: (X) (u)

Among the personal effects of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV at the time of his arrest were the following items: (X) (u)

A card of GEORGE SCHWARTZMAN associated with JAMES FELT AND CO., Inc., a real estate company located at 365 Fifth Avenue, New York City. On the reverse side of this card in handwriting was the following: "1331 Madison Avenue (near 94th Street) Apartment 6D AT 9-4850." (X) (u)

A card of RUSSEKS Fifth Avenue - a department store located at Fifth Avenue and 36th Street, New York, and in handwriting appears the name [redacted] and the figures "11087 - \$1,200." (X) (u) b6 b7C

A card of PEERLESS CAMERA STORES, Inc., 133 East 43rd Street, New York City - RUDY BEYER. (X) (u)

The files of the New York Office reflect no record for GEORGE SCHWARTZMAN. (X) (u)

For JAMES FELT AND COMPANY, Inc., there was the following: In 1941 this company was a contact of the League of American Writers. JAMES FELT was listed in 1941 as an instructor at the New School for Social Research and a member of the Board of Directors Citizens' Housing Council of New York, Inc. Page 102 of the 1941 - 1942 Catalogue of the New School for Social Research lists the following concerning this faculty member: "JAMES FELT. President, JAMES FELT AND CO., INC., Real Estate Consultant, New York State Division of Housing, New York Housing Trust; Director, Real Estate Board of New York; Citizens' Housing Council, National Committee of Housing Emergency, Inc., Negotiator, New York City Housing Authority." Page 51 of this catalogue lists FELT's course as "Housing Management; Public, Private, and Defense." (X) (u)

A check of the New York Telephone Directory reflects that AT(water) 9-4850 is listed to ALEXANDER G. KOLESNIKOV, 1331 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. (X) (u)

The files of the New York Office reflect that Immigration and Naturalization Service records indicate that ALEKSANDER GRIGOREVICH KOLESNIKOV, alias ALEXANDRE KOLESNIKOV, First Secretary of the Secretariat, UNESCO, business address UNO, home address 1331 Madison Avenue, entered the United States at New York July 20, 1946 aboard the SS Washington. He departed at Laredo, Texas (X) (u)

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December 10, 1947 and reentered the United States same day. He departed from New York on the SS Gripsholm May 21, 1948. His wife, VERA LEONOVNA KOLESNIKOVA, and child, [redacted] were with him. (S)(u)

The postal box at 1331 Madison Avenue, New York, for Apartment 6D is listed to A. KOLESNIKOV. The door bell for Apartment 6D is listed to ABRAMS, LIEBERMAN, and MAHON. The House Directory lists MALOV as the occupant of Apartment 6D. This property is managed by LOUIS CARREAU, Inc., 350 Madison Avenue, New York City. (S)(u)

Mr. C. FAIRFIELD POPE, Vice-President of LOUIS CARREAU, Inc., advised that the lease to Apartment 6D 1331 Madison Avenue was made by A. KOLESNIKOV for two years beginning October 1, 1947. As far as Mr. POPE knew KOLESNIKOV still occupies this apartment and the rent for it is paid monthly by money order. (S)(u)

JACOB GOTTLIEB, Comptroller, PEERLESS CAMERA STORES, Inc., 133 East 43rd Street, New York City, advised that RUDY BEYER is a World War II veteran who has worked for that company for about eight years. He sells still cameras of foreign manufacture. Mr. GOTTLIEB said this company maintains no alphabetical breakdown of its customers so that he would be unable to ascertain if GUBITCHEV was a regular customer. They had no credit record for him. (S)(u)

Mr. BEYER stated he did not recall GUBITCHEV although he recognized his name from the newspaper accounts. He believed that GUBITCHEV may have inquired concerning the purchase of a camera and in order to insure a future sale gave him his sale's card. (S)(u)

JOHN A. WINN, Personnel Manager, RUSSEKS Fifth Avenue, advised that [redacted] New York 3, New York, is a salesman in the Fur Department. He is a British subject and a former member of the British Army. He was born [redacted] in London, England and arrived in the United States on June 8, 1946. He is married and has worked in the fur industry in England since 1936 and has been employed by RUSSEKS since July, 1946. Mr. WINN said that the card, which was recovered from GUBITCHEV, is a general card which is found throughout the store of RUSSEKS and it is the practice for salesmen after having shown a prospective customer a fur coat to put his name on it as well as the stock number of the coat. (S)(u)

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[redacted] and his Supervisor, Mr. HYMAN DUBAN, advised that on a Saturday afternoon during January, 1949 GUBITCHEV and a woman he referred to as his wife looked at a black Persian Lamb fur coat with a view of purchasing it. (S)(u)

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The description of the woman fits that of Mrs. GUBITCHEV as set forth in the files of the New York Office. Both [] and Mr. DUBAN recognized GUBITCHEV from his pictures in the newspapers. GUBITCHEV told them that he was an official in the Russian Army and after he had examined the fur coat with his wife he said they would return later. (u)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Rex I. Shroder at New York City. (S)(u)

This investigation is predicated upon a business card bearing the name ADELSON & SEGALL, Jobbers in Watch Materials, Tools, Jewelry Supplies, Watches and Jewelry, 96 Canal Street, and an itemized price list of jeweler's tools, which were obtained from VALENTIN ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV incident to his arrest on March 4, 1949. (S)(u)

J. SCHNEIDER, Watchmaker, ADELSON & SEGALL CO., advised that GUBITCHEV, sometime in February, 1949, left a lady's wristwatch to be repaired and cleaned. GUBITCHEV returned a week later and retained the watch, at which time he told SCHNEIDER that he had a brother in Russia who was a watchmaker, and he was interested in purchasing some tools, which, GUBITCHEV stated, at a later date he would like to send to his brother in Russia. SCHNEIDER advised that GUBITCHEV wrote the articles and the prices down, as they were quoted to him, on one of the company's receipts. However, he did not make any purchases or any definite statement as to a future purchase. (S)(u)

SCHNEIDER recognized GUBITCHEV's picture in the paper at the time of his arrest and remarked to several fellow employees that he had conducted business with him a few weeks previous. (S)(u)

It will be noted that upon questioning at the time of his arrest, GUBITCHEV denied having a brother. However, SCHNEIDER advised that GUBITCHEV definitely stated that the jeweler's tools were for his brother in Russia. SCHNEIDER was unable to recall any further details of his conversation with GUBITCHEV. (S)(u)

Following is a list of tools and prices as listed on the Adelson and Segall Company's receipt, which, according to SCHNEIDER, was written by GUBITCHEV sometime in February, 1949: (S)(u)

Screwdriver	\$2.00
Tweezers	2.00
Pin Vise	1.50
Movement Holder	1.50
Loupes	1.00
Pithwood	.25

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Pegwood	\$.25
Oil	.75
Oil Cup	.40
Oiler	.50
Brush	.85
Staking Set	.85
Completed Lathe	150.00
Main Spring Winder	2.50
Compass	.60
Demagnetizer	3.50

SCHNEIDER advised that the above tools and accessories were essential parts of a jeweler's kit, and that to him none of the contemplated purchases seemed out of the ordinary. (S) (u)

A review of the files of the New York Office failed to reflect any derogatory information on the concern of ADELSON & SEGALL. (S) (u)

The following investigation was predicated on receipt of a piece of paper on which appeared the name, Mr. AXEL NORDIN, Baggage Master, Swedish American Line, Gothenberg, Sweden, which is believed to be in the subject's handwriting and was obtained from GUBITCHEV at the time of his arrest on March 4, 1949. (S) (u)

R. C. SAMUELSON, Assistant Traffic Passenger Manager, Swedish American Line, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he was not personally acquainted with NORDIN, but for the past year NORDIN has been the Baggage Master at their office in Gothenberg, Sweden. The personnel file on NORDIN is maintained in Sweden. However, SAMUELSON was certain that NORDIN has not been in the United States since 1942. (S) (u)

SAMUELSON stated that it was not uncommon for various individuals to have NORDIN's name in their possession as all passenger and freight traffic through Gothenberg would be cleared by him. Also, Gothenberg is a short route from Russia to the United States and a great deal of baggage and freight is destined there for re-routing. SAMUELSON stated that in this connection, it would be necessary to contact NORDIN at Gothenberg to assure proper routing. (S) (u)

It will be noted that GUBITCHEV contemplated a trip to Russia in the summer of 1949 and the presence of NORDIN's name on his person could well be in connection with the shipment of his baggage. (S) (u)

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A review of the indices of this office failed to reflect any derogatory information on AXEL NORDIN. (S)(u)

The following investigation was predicated upon receipt of a business card bearing the name, S. F. HAUSWIRTH, Furs, 2800 Broadway, New York City, which was obtained from GUBITCHEV incident to his arrest on March 4, 1949. (S)(u)

Mr. S. F. HAUSWIRTH, after a review of his records, advised that he did not have an account for anyone by the name of GUBITCHEV. HAUSWIRTH recalled the name only through recent publicity in the newspapers, and he stated that from the photograph he had seen in the papers, he is certain that he has never seen GUBITCHEV. HAUSWIRTH also advised that he does a great deal of business with Russian people and gives out his business cards indiscriminately, and it is possible that one of his business cards could have reached GUBITCHEV through a former purchaser. (S)(u)

The indices of the New York office failed to reflect any information on S. F. HAUSWIRTH. (S)(u)

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN J. KENNELLY on March 17 and 22, 1949, at New York City. (S)(u)

VERNON TAYLOR, Superintendent of the apartment house located at 64 West 108th Street, New York City, advised that GUBITCHEV and his wife rented the apartment in which they resided at the above address as an unfurnished apartment. At the time it was rented to them the apartment was fitted with the bare necessities of stove, sink, and refrigerator. TAYLOR stated that the subject and his wife, subsequent to renting the apartment, purchased a secondhand living room suite, plus a washing machine and a frozen food locker. According to TAYLOR, they subsequently got rid of the washing machine and the frozen food locker, although he did not know where or how they disposed of them. Concerning the bedroom, TAYLOR advised that he had never seen their bedroom furnishings. (S)(u)

TAYLOR related further that GUBITCHEV never complained of the stove as furnished, nor did he ever mention getting a new one, or request a new one be installed. TAYLOR stated GUBITCHEV appeared perfectly satisfied with the stove he had in the apartment. (S)(u)

On March 22, 1949, TAYLOR advised that, as of this date, he had no knowledge of the return of Mrs. GUBITCHEV to her apartment. He stated that he had not seen her since approximately one week before her husband was arrested. He substantiated the above by stating that he had occasion, also on the date of this interview, to ring the doorbell of the GUBITCHEV apartment for testing purposes. No answer was received. The above, coupled with the fact that the rent for the apartment was paid by an unidentified man and woman on the 15th of March, indicated to TAYLOR that the apartment still was vacant. (S)(u)

TAYLOR advised he had no knowledge concerning ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV, and that, to his knowledge, he never resided at that address. (S)(u)

Continuing, TAYLOR furnished the following names of residents and their apartment numbers as reflected in his own ledger. He advised the names as given are as listed in his ledger in that he does not have or know the first names of the individuals, nor is he acquainted with the first names of any of the wives of the listed individuals. The names as listed are those of the individuals who, to his knowledge, were acquainted with the GUBITCHEVS, although he had no knowledge of the extent of their activities. (S)(u)

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[Apartment 6-A — LOPUCHIN] (X)(u)

This individual, according to TAYLOR, resides there with his wife, goes to work between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. in the morning, and returns daily to the apartment between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. The wife, whose name is unknown, stays home until early in the afternoon, at which time she goes out until approximately 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. They often return separately to their apartment at night. (X)(u)

The files of the New York Office reflect that one MIKHAIL ALEKSANDROVICH LOPOUKHINE, with aliases: MICHAEL LOPUCHIN, M. LOPUKHIN, was born on November 8, 1904, at Petritsvo, USSR, and arrived in the United States on March 16, 1945, at Seattle, Washington, on the SS BALKHASH. He assumed his duties with AMTORG on March 28, 1945, at New York City, and his residence was listed as 113 West 103rd Street, New York City. It was noted that he was employed as Director of the Board of USSR Union of Export from 1939 to 1944. From thence he assumed the duties of Director in AMTORG. (X)(u)

His wife, MARIA ALEKSANDROVNA LOPOUKHINA, revealed she was born March 16, 1906, at Mogiltsy, USSR, and listed her occupation as housewife. They have a daughter, [redacted] and the last shown address was noted as 64 West 108th Street, New York City. (X)(u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised this individual returned to Russia via the SS POBEDA on July 31, 1948. (X)(u)

[Apartment 3-A — KUDRIACHOU] (X)(u)

TAYLOR stated that this individual resides at this address by himself in that his wife is in Russia. He stated that he also goes to work between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. and returns to the apartment daily between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. (X)(u)

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The files of the New York Office reflect that one VLADIMIR NIKOLAEVICH KOUTRESHEV, with aliases: KUDRYASHOV, KUDRYASHEV, was born June 27, 1909, and arrived in Portland, Oregon, on August 24, 1943, in company with his wife, TATIANA GEORGIEVNA KUDRIASHOVA, and child, [redacted]. He assumed the duties of dispatcher on September 1, 1943, with the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission (AMTORG) in Portland, Oregon. His wife went to work at that time also in the personnel department of AMTORG. On December 12, 1944, they departed from Portland, Oregon, for New York City. (X)(u)

The file reflects that TATIANA KUDRIASHOVA departed from New York on July 31, 1948, for Odessa, USSR. (X)(u)

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VLADIMIR KOUKRESHEV was last noted on the ALTORG quarterly payroll for the period January 1, 1948, to March 31, 1948, and his residence at that time was listed as 64 West 108th Street, New York City. (S)(u)

[Apartment 5-B -- SHOLONKHOVA] (S)(u)

TAYLOR stated that he knew little of this individual other than that he resided there with his wife and his son. He knew nothing concerning the working hours of the above but did state that the wife and child are usually to be found close to the apartment. (S)(u)

The files of the New York Office do not reflect any record on this individual. (S)(u)

On March 22, 1949, ROBERT ZICHT, Office Manager for the IRWEIS HOLDING CORPORATION located at 1350 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, which corporation controls the renting of the apartments listed at 64 West 108th Street, made available to the writer the complete list of individuals who presently reside at that address. (S)(u)

The following information concerning those names as furnished above, which were deemed pertinent, is as follows: (S)(u)

NICHOLAI VASSILY SHANIKHIN was listed as residing in Apartment 3-A. [The New York files reflected he arrived in Portland, Oregon, July 15, 1944, aboard the USSR DZHERSHINSKI in company with his wife, THAISTA IVANOFF SHANIKHIN, destined for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, New York City. His occupation was listed as Manager. As noted, while in New York he resided at the above address, and the occupation of his wife was that of housewife.] (S)(u)

Confidential Informant [] advised that SHANIKHIN, in company with several Russians, departed from the United States aboard the SS KALEHETS PODOLSK September 1, 1947, destined for Leningrad. (S)(u)

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It is noted, however, that SHANIKHIN was in New York City as of December 1, 1948, and residing at the same address, 64 West 108th Street. (S)(u)

The following names, also furnished by the above source, when checked through the indices of the New York Office did not reflect any record: VLADIMIR S. TITOU, IVAN F. BOUKENOV, EUGENE RODZEVITCH, KONSTANTINE SOBOVEV. (S)(u)

The names as furnished by Mr. ZICHT reflected that the complete name for the resident of Apartment 5-B is VERA and EUGENE SHOLONKHAVA. (S)(u)

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The following information was made available to this office by Confidential Informant T-7 and should be so credited except where there is a notation for another source for the information. (S)(u)

February 2, 1949: (S)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV contacted ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV and invited him to come to their apartment immediately as she wanted to see him as soon as he could possibly get there. SHUBNIKOV told her that he was here with his wife and that he would come to 64 W. 108th Street as soon as he could get there. (S)(u)

The ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV mentioned above is undoubtedly identical with the ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV who, according to Bureau letter of June 10, 1947, was granted a visa to enter the United States in connection with the UN organization. At that time SHUBNIKOV indicated that he was born in 1907 at the village of Nizhnyaya, Toina, Vaytak, Polyansk District, Kirov Region. He stated that his last position was that of an employee in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he had been employed since 1944. He had issued to him diplomatic passport #13133, and indicated that the purpose of his visit to the United States was to become a counsellor of the UN Secretariat. His [redacted] was to accompany him and she indicated she was born in [redacted] in the village of Nizhnyaya Vyazovka, Vysokinich District, Kaluga Region, and had diplomatic passport [redacted]. They were to be accompanied by their daughter [redacted] and son [redacted]. According to INS records ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV departed from New York City October 8, 1948, as a passenger aboard the SS. GRIPSHOLM enroute to the USSR. His wife and family were not listed as passengers aboard this ship. INS records further reflect that ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV arrived in New York City on February 2, 1949 via plane #NC-90903 from Stockholm. He stated at that time that his true name was ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV, having been born in Kirovskaya Oblast, USSR, in 1907, and stated that he was a Counsellor of the UN Secretariat destined to the UN, New York City. He has Russian Passport #13133 and U.S. Visa #69288. (S)(u)

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The UN Telephone Directory dated February 1, 1949, reveals that ALEKSEI SHUBNIKOV is a UN employee having the title of Chief of the Research and Documentation Section, Division of Transport and Communications, Department of Economic Affairs. (S)(u)

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[February 3, 1949] (K)(u)

VALENTINE GUBITCHEV attempted unsuccessfully, to get in touch with VALENTIN IVANOVICH KOBUSHKO who was not available. GUBITCHEV was advised that there was a letter for him at the office of the Russian Delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. GUBITCHEV requested that the letter be given to IVAN FILIPPOVICH BUKANOV and it was agreed that it would so be done. (K)(u)

[The files of this office reveal that VALENTINE KOBUSHKO is Second Secretary of the Soviet UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City.] According to the official list compiled by the Department of State of those members of delegations to the UN entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities, dated January, 1949, VALENTINE KOBUSHKO and wife, KOBUSHKO being listed as a Secretary of the USSR delegation to the UN, residing at 324 W. 84th St., New York City, is entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities. (K)(u) (S) - (U)

[The files of this office reveal that IVAN FILIPPOVICH BUKANOV mentioned above, is a resident of 64 W. 108th St., New York City, and is employed at the USSR delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue.] Later on the same day MRS. GUBITCHEV suggested to her husband that ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV go for a letter during GUBITCHEV'S working hours, and then, that SHUBNIKOV and GUBITCHEV should come home for dinner. She further suggested that after dinner they would all go shopping. ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV was told by MRS. GUBITCHEV that she had forgotten to give him a key to the apartment and she suggested that he purchase some clothing, a blanket and a razor. SHUBNIKOV stated that he would do so and that he and GUBITCHEV would come home for dinner at about 7 p.m. MRS. GUBITCHEV again stated that there was a letter for them, the GUBITCHEVS, and that she is very desirous of getting it. GUBITCHEV told her that they would pick it up before coming home. (K)(u) (S) - (U)

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[February 4, 1949] (X)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV told NORA (otherwise unidentified) that she had received a letter from her daughter who is in Moscow, wherein the daughter stated that ALEKSEI KUZMICH (undoubtedly ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV) had not left as of that date and that LUDMILA ALEXANDROVNA (first, and middle names) went to the hospital where she gave birth to a girl. NORA then invited the GUBITCHEVS and ALEKSEI SHUBNIKOV to come over and visit them on the following Sunday night. NORA then told MRS. GUBITCHEV that her daughter [] is getting big and that she will bring her, the child, to see MRS. GUBITCHEV in the near future. NORA further stated that PAVLIK (ph) (probably her husband) also was very desirous that the GUBITCHEVS and SHUBNIKOV visit them on the following Sunday. (X)(u)

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[February 15, 1949] (X)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV consulted with her husband concerning whether she should go and see GALIA (diminutive of the proper name GALINA). MRS. GUBITCHEV stated that the reason she wanted to go to see GALIA is that she wished to send a note with someone who is leaving. She indicated that she had spoken to VLADIMIR (otherwise unidentified) who might take her over to GALIA. Later on the same date, HARRY DINKIN a tailor of 64 W. 48th St., New York City, previously identified in this report, told MRS. GUBITCHEV that he had received some material for men's suits. MRS. GUBITCHEV stated that she and her husband would come over to see him on the following Sunday as her husband could not make it before 6 p.m. on any night. DINKIN also requested MRS. GUBITCHEV to tell PARKHOMENKO that he had received some cloth for men's suits. He stated that he had attempted to contact PARKHOMENKO but was unable to do so. (X)(u)

On the same date MRS. GUBITCHEV told her husband that she had made arrangements with VLADIMIR to go there (probably to see GALIA, previously mentioned) and indicated that she would meet VLADIMIR at AMTORG, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City. She also said that she might visit awhile at EUGENIA'S and then go on her other visit. It was then agreed that SHUBNIKOV would eat with the GUBITCHEVS at the apartment and then they would all go there at the usual time. (X)(u)

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[February 16, 1949] (X)(u)

GUBITCHEV asked his wife whether she had been contacted by IVAN DMITRIEVICH (first, and middle name). She stated that she had not heard from him, to which subject explained that IVAN DMITRIEVICH is supposed to arrive on the SS. QUEEN ELIZABETH. She then requested that her husband invite IVAN DMITRIEVICH to visit them if he should arrive. (X)(u)

[The files of this office reveal that IVAN DMITRIEVICH BORISOV arrived in the United States as a passenger aboard the SS. WASHINGTON at the Port of New York on July 20, 1946. (It is noted that on this date, and as passengers aboard the SS. Washington, GUBITCHEV, his wife, and child also arrived in the U.S.). Upon his arrival, BORISOV stated that he was born in the village of Nikolaevka, Korobov District, Moscow, in 1911. He had diplomatic passport #12033 and at that time indicated he was a diplomat destined to the Secretariat of the UN.] According to INS records, IVAN DMITRIEVICH BORISOV departed from the United States as a passenger aboard the SS. BATORY from the Port of New York on July 16, 1948, and again reentered this country on March 5, 1949, by plane at LaGuardia Field. (X)(u) - (U)

According to the UN Telephone Directory dated February 1, 1949, IVAN BORISOV is listed as an employee in the office of the Assistant Secretary-General in the Department of Social Affairs. Inasmuch as IVAN DMITRIEVICH BORISOV did, in the first instance, arrive in New York City as a passenger aboard the same ship that the GUBITCHEVS arrived on, and inasmuch as his first and second names are identical with the first and second names of the IVAN DMITRIEVICH BORISOV who was mentioned in the above contact, it is believed that they are probably identical. (X)(u)

[February 18, 1949] (X)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV told her husband that a letter has arrived for SHUBNIKOV, from the BRIDGE AMERICAN COMPANY, New York City. (The Manhattan Telephone Directory fails to reflect any Bridge American Company. However, it is noted that an AMERICAN BRIDGE COMPANY is listed (X)(u)

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at 71 Broadway, New York City, another at Welfare Island, New York City and another at 22nd St. and Avenue A, New York City.) GUBITCHEV stated that he would look at the letter that night, but that his wife should not open it. She stated that they had also received a letter from TONYA (short form for the name ANTONINA) to the effect that she, TONYA, had received the presents and parcels that they had sent. (X)(u)

[February 19, 1949]

A man believed to be SHUBNIKOV contacted KAZAKEVICH and told him (KAZAKEVICH) that he would like to see him. KAZAKEVICH said that he resided in Apt. 6A at 435 E. 57th St., New York City. SHUBNIKOV stated that he would be over to see him in about one-half hour. (X)(u)

Through MR. KURT PETERS, superintendent, 435 E. 67th St., it was ascertained that the occupant of Apt. 6A at that address is VLADIMIR D. KAZAKEVICH who has lived at that address for approximately three years. MR. PETERS advised that KAZAKEVICH married the daughter of a former tenant and although PETERS had recommended that KAZAKEVICH not be given an apartment because of his Communistic sympathies KAZAKEVICH was allowed to stay because his wife EMILY KAZAKEVICH (nee: GRACE) had been a tenant before her marriage to KAZAKEVICH. (X)(u)

[The files of the New York Office reflect that VLADIMIR D. KAZAKEVICH was born in Leningrad (then St. Petersburg, Russia) on August 2, 1903. He entered the United States at San Francisco, California on October 29, 1921, and filed a Declaration of Intention to become a U. S. citizen on June 28, 1926, but took no further steps toward U. S. citizenship. In 1936 he visited Russia on a Russian passport. An investigation is presently being conducted by the Department of Immigration & Naturalization, New York City, with a view to deporting KAZAKEVICH because of his Communist activities.] In this respect it is noted that the subject was granted a hearing by INS on September 20, 1948, and at that time stated that in 1944 he had applied for reinstatement of his Russian citizenship and for permission to return to Russia. As yet he has not received a decision on this matter and the case is still pending. (X)(u)

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KAZAKEVICH has been prominent in propagandizing the virtues of Communism and the Soviet Union, as a free-lance lecturer and writer for a number of years. He was employed for a time at AMTORG; was a columnist for RUSSKY-GOLOS, a Communist Party line Russian Language newspaper in New York City; has written articles for the NEW MASSES; has acted as a contributing editor of SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY and the Marxian quarterly, SCIENCE AND SOCIETY. He has been active in the IVO, the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP and THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL and WORKERS SCHOOL of the Communist Party. These activities were admitted by KAZAKEVICH at the time of his hearing before the Immigration & Naturalization authorities on September 20, 1948, but KAZAKEVICH denied ever having been a member of the Communist Party. (S)(u)

On September 20, 1949, KAZAKEVICH stated that he was to terminate on September 22, 1948, his employment with the UN where he was a radio broadcaster in the Russian language since June 28, 1948 and was to commence working for TASS NEWS AGENCY, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. His employment with TASS has not been verified. KAZAKEVICH indicated that if he is allowed to return to Russia he hopes to become an instructor at MOSCOW UNIVERSITY. (S)(u)

It is noted that KAZAKEVICH has been represented by CAROL WEISS KING, attorney frequently used by Communist Party members. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant T- , has advised that in 1946 and 1947 KAZAKEVICH was in frequent contact with the officials of the USSR Consulate, New York City. (S)(u)

(S)(u) February 23, 1949 (S)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV told her husband that some inspector had tried to enter her apartment in order to examine the physical condition of the apartment as to painting and plumbing, but she advised him that she would not allow him to inspect the apartment unless he were accompanied by the superintendent. TAMARA DMITRIEVNA (first, and middle names) who lives in another apartment in the building, told her that she should let the inspector in. GUBITCHEV agreed to go shopping (S)(u)

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on the evening of February 23, 1949, and indicated that they would meet at 5:10 pm. near the store where they met last time, and that they would then go and buy a trunk. It was agreed that the GUBITCHEVS would both eat beforehand so that they would have more time for shopping. (S)(u)

[February 25, 1949] (S)(u)

ALEKSEI SHUBNIKOV asked MRS. GUBITCHEV if VALENTINE GUBITCHEV was in, to which she replied that he had gone out to the store. SHUBNIKOV then stated that he was inquiring concerning GUBITCHEV'S health, and in this connection asked whether he, GUBITCHEV, was alive and healthy. SHUBNIKOV then indicated that he would come over to visit them later on that date, and MRS. GUBITCHEV stated that they might be asleep and if that were the circumstance to just walk in and make themselves at home. (S)(u)

[March 1, 1949] (S)(u)

A man, believed to be ALEKSEI KUZMICH SHUBNIKOV told SIMA BELOGOROD, employed at the UN, that he was delayed in the city but would be out to Lake Success in about an hour. He gave his telephone number as Academy 2-5823. It is noted that telephone number AC-2-5823 is listed to S.S. CHERNIAKOV, 64 W. 108th St., New York City. Investigation has revealed that GUBITCHEV took over the CHERNIAKOV'S apartment at 64 W. 108th St., in August 1948, and since that time has been using the above mentioned telephone number which is listed to S.S. CHERNIAKOV. (S)(u)

[March 2, 1949] (S)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV and subject agreed to meet at 12 noon on Madison Avenue in order to go shopping. They indicated that they would purchase a bag for MRS. GUBITCHEV. (S)(u)

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The GUBITCHEVS agreed to meet at 5:20 pm. near a shoe store, and indicated that they would then go shopping at SAKS 34th Street. GUBITCHEV stated that he would pick up a valise which he had bought earlier in the week. (S)(u)

March 4, 1949 (S)(u)

BORIS SPIESEL, a furrier, 245 W. 27th Street, New York City, previously identified in this report, told MRS. GUBITCHEV that he would have her coat ready by Wednesday. She advised that she and her husband would stop in to pick the coat up, at 5:30 pm. on that date. Later, on the same day, MRS. GUBITCHEV told her husband that she had called to find out about the women's day party, but could not obtain any definite information concerning the party. GUBITCHEV then suggested that a trunk which they had previously bought should be sent back to the store or exchanged for a new one as it was defective, claiming that the lock would not work. She told GUBITCHEV that she is packing blankets and wearing apparel, and asked him for money. GUBITCHEV told her that she would have to wait until next Wednesday. (It is noted that when subject GUBITCHEV was apprehended on the evening of March 4, 1949, he had in his possession in an envelope, \$125.00 in bills which he claimed was to be used for the purchase of household goods. From the above it is apparent that the money in his possession on that evening was undoubtedly to be used for purpose other than the purchase of household goods, and it would naturally follow that the money was to be given to JUDITH COPLON for the information that she had in her possession.) (S)(u)

On March 5, 1949, the day after GUBITCHEV'S arrest, the USSR delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, New York City, sent LEONID ALEXEIVICH MOROZOV, First Secretary of the Russian delegation, to see MRS. GUBITCHEV at 64 W. 108th St., New York City. The informant stated that he left an unidentified Soviet delegation employee at the GUBITCHEV apartment, who would remain there throughout the day. According to informant, MRS. GUBITCHEV was absent from their apartment from (S)(u)

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March 5, 1949 through March 20, 1949: Her residence during her absence from 64 W. 108th St., New York City, has not been definitely established but it is believed that she was residing at either the USSR delegation building, 680 Park Avenue, New York City, or at another Soviet establishment. (S)(u)

[March 21, 1949] (S)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV told a man, otherwise unidentified, named MICHAEL PREZIN (ph), believed to be an employee of the USSR UN delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City, that she was trembling with fright. PREZIN told her that she should not be afraid as she is surrounded by neighbors who are friends. (S)(u)

[March 24, 1949] (S)(u)

MRS. GUBITCHEV told MICHAEL PREZIN (ph) that he should not ring her bell tomorrow because she will not open the door to anyone. (S)(u)

Informant has advised that in the above two contacts MRS. GUBITCHEV and MICHAEL PREZIN (ph) have addressed each other in the familiar forms and accordingly it is believed that they are close friends. (S)(u)

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~~VI.~~ [USSR ACTIVITY CONCERNING GUBITCHEV'S ARREST] ~~(X)~~ (u)

On the morning of March 5, 1949, shortly after GUBITCHEV was given a hearing before Judge SIMON RIFKIND, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and pursuant to the instructions of Mr. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, telephone facilities were made available to GUBITCHEV. At approximately 5:24 A.M. on that date GUBITCHEV requested the man on duty at the USSR Delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, New York City, to send LEONID A. MOROZOV to the United States Court House, Foley Square, New York City. He told the man on duty to contact Mr. MALIK (JACOB MALIK, Ambassador, Permanent Representative in the Security Council of the USSR Delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, New York City) and have an official representative sent to the Court House. ~~(X)~~ (u)

The following information was made available to this office by Confidential Informant T-8 ~~(X)~~ except where otherwise noted: ~~(X)~~ (U)

[March 5, 1949] ~~(X)~~ (U)

SERGEI FILATOVICH SAMOGAYEV, Staff Member of the Soviet Representation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, instructed LEONID ALEKSEEVICH MOROZOV, First Secretary, 324 West 84th Street, New York, New York, to go to his office immediately on Mr. MALIK'S orders. ~~(X)~~ (U)

Mr. ANDREW W. CORDIER, Executive Assistant to the Secretary General of the UN, Mr. TRYGVE LIE, advised the man on duty at the USSR Delegation to the UN that he was reporting to the Soviet Delegation that GUBITCHEV, who was an employee in the UN Headquarters Planning Staff, was arrested by the FBI on various charges and was being held in the Federal Court Building in New York. Mr. CORDIER also stated that they would give the Delegation more information later in the day. ~~(X)~~ (U)

Mr. OSCAR SCHACHTER of the UN General Legal Division told the man on duty at the USSR UN Delegation that he, SCHACHTER, had spoken privately with GUBITCHEV and that the latter had requested him to contact the USSR Delegation in regard to providing a lawyer for GUBITCHEV, who was to be afforded a hearing before Judge RIFKIND, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, at 11:00 A.M. on March 5, 1949. ~~(X)~~ (U)

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LEONID A. MOROZOV told IVAN I. IPOLITOV (Secretary to USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN) that at 6:00 A.M. he had spoken with GUBITCHEV, who he described as a Soviet citizen working for the United Nations. MOROZOV reported that GUBITCHEV was arrested on the night of March 4, 1949, on the street and was allowed to report his arrest to the Soviet Representation on the morning of March 5, 1949. MOROZOV requested that this information be handed to Mr. PANYUSHKIN since GUBITCHEV is a Soviet citizen. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Mr. IPOLITOV asked LEONID A. MOROZOV for further information concerning GUBITCHEV. MOROZOV described GUBITCHEV as a construction engineer employed by the United Nations, who held the position of Third Secretary in the USSR Diplomatic Service. IPOLITOV stated that LEV SERGEEVICH TOLOKONNIKOV, Chief of the Counsellor Division of the USSR Embassy, had left Washington aboard the 11:00 A.M. plane for New York City to handle the matter. ~~(S)~~-(U)

ALEXANDER A. SOLDATOV, Counsellor of the USSR Delegation to the UN, told Mr. CORDIER, Executive Assistant to the Secretary General of the UN, that they, the Soviet Delegation, consider the arrest of Mr. GUBITCHEV as a violation of his diplomatic rights and immunity. He stated that Mr. GUBITCHEV has the rank of Third Secretary in the Soviet Diplomatic Service and that he entered the United States with a diplomatic passport and a diplomatic visa and that, therefore, they were demanding his immediate release. He requested Mr. CORDIER to take all appropriate measures that he, CORDIER, might deem necessary on the part of the United Nations in this matter. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Mrs. SOLDATOVA (wife of the previously identified ALEXANDER SOLDATOV and secretary to Mr. MALIK) told IVAN IPOLITOV, previously identified, that GUBITCHEV had worked for the UN in the Department of Construction at the Main Building of the UN, Manhattan, New York; that his position with the UN was an Engineer of the 13th Grade, Degree III. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Mrs. SOLDATOVA requested IVAN IPOLITOV to tell Mr. PANYUSHKIN that MALIK had seen Mr. AUSTIN and had filed a protest with Mr. AUSTIN re GUBITCHEV'S detention. Later IVAN IPOLITOV advised Mrs. SOLDATOVA that Mr. PANYUSHKIN had filed an official protest with Mr. WEBB of the United States State Department concerning the detention of GUBITCHEV and that he had requested an immediate release of GUBITCHEV. ~~(S)~~ (U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV told GEORGI A. SOKOLOV, Counsellor, USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., that he, TOLOKONNIKOV, had applied four times during ~~(S)~~-(U)

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[the day for permission to see and to arrange for the liberation of GUBITCHEV. TOLOKONNIKOV also stated that he had determined that GUBITCHEV was within the jurisdiction of Federal District Court Judge RIFKIND; who had advised that GUBITCHEV could not be freed nor interviewed without the United States State Department's permission.] In this connection it is noted that Judge SIMON RIFKIND telephoned the New York Office at 7:26 P.M. on March 5, 1949, and stated that he was anxious to get in touch with United States Attorney McGOHEY or Mr. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. He stated that he had been contacted by representatives of the Russian Embassy relative to GUBITCHEV and that he wanted to discuss the matter with Mr. McGOHEY or Mr. WHEARTY. He requested that this office reach one of those men and have them contact him. Mr. WHEARTY was contacted and Judge RIFKIND'S message was relayed to him. Mr. WHEARTY stated that he would contact Judge RIFKIND immediately. (S) (U)

In connection with the above it is noted that Judge RIFKIND advised TOLOKONNIKOV to call Mr. POWER at the State Department and Mr. WHEARTY to arrange for an interview with GUBITCHEV. (S) (U)

[March 6, 1949] (S) (U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV told USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN that he and ALEXANDER SOLDATOV had visited GUBITCHEV (presumably at the Federal House of Detention) from twelve midnight to 2:00 A.M. on the morning of March 6, 1949. TOLOKONNIKOV said that GUBITCHEV is feeling all right and that conditions there are not too bad. (S) (U)

ALEXANDER SOLDATOV, USSR Counsellor, protested bitterly to THOMAS F. POWER, JR., Deputy Secretary General of the United States Mission to the UN, about the response received concerning previous agreements regarding the visiting. It appeared that Mr. SOLDATOV desired that no specific limit be placed on the visits of USSR officials with GUBITCHEV. It was, however, agreed that the visits to GUBITCHEV would be authorized only under specific application by the Russian UN Delegation and that these visits would be made under the auspices of the United States State Department. (S) (U)

[March 7, 1949] (S) (U)

USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN asked LEV TOLOKONNIKOV whether there was anything now in the case and further instructed that TOLOKONNIKOV (S) (U)

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should go to Washington via plane immediately. TOLOKONNIKOV said there was nothing new and that he would leave as soon as he could made the necessary arrangements. Informant later advised that TOLOKONNIKOV left New York City via plane at 2:05 P.M. (U)

March 8, 1949 (U)

Mr. THOMAS F. POWER, JR., of the United States Mission to the UN, left a message at the USSR Delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, to the effect that Soviet representatives were scheduled to visit Mr. GUBITCHEV on that date but that if he, Mr. POWER, was not immediately advised of their desires re this visit, their visit would be cancelled. Informant later advised that arrangements were made by Messrs. TOLOKONNIKOV and POWER for a visit with GUBITCHEV at approximately 11:00 A.M. Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV indicated that he would be accompanied on this visit to Mr. GUBITCHEV by LEONID MOROZOV. (U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV told IVAN IPOLITOV that he, TOLOKONNIKOV, and LEONID A. MOROZOV had visited GUBITCHEV for about one hour and a quarter. He stated that GUBITCHEV is held in a cell with a criminal and that the cells surrounding GUBITCHEV were occupied by forgers and counterfeiters. He also stated that GUBITCHEV was feeling fairly well and had not been called during the past few days (TOLOKONNIKOV evidently referring to the fact that GUBITCHEV had not been taken before United States Judge RIFKIND for two days). TOLOKONNIKOV stated that he was going immediately to Washington. (U)

March 10, 1949 (U)

Warden THOMPSON of the Federal House of Detention, New York City, told LEONID MOROZOV of the USSR Delegation to the UN that GUBITCHEV was going to Court on March 11, 1949, and that he desired that MOROZOV attend the Court hearing. (U)

Mrs. SOLDATOVA told IVAN IPOLITOV that GUBITCHEV was going to Court and that he, GUBITCHEV, desires that a man from the Embassy, who understands English well, attend the Court hearing. (U)

A USSR representative, acting on behalf of LEV TOLOKONNIKOV, told Mr. SMITH, Chief Guard, Federal House of Detention, New York City, that (U)

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LEV TOLOKONNIKOV would like to see GUBITCHEV right away and that he couldn't wait until morning. Mr. SMITH indicated that Warden THOMPSON was not available but that he would advise THOMPSON of their request. Later on the same evening LEV TOLOKONNIKOV told Mr. THOMAS F. POWER, JR., of the United States Mission to the UN, that he desired to see GUBITCHEV immediately and that the matter could not wait. As it was then 11:55 P.M., Mr. POWER stated that it was rather late and suggested that perhaps it could wait until the following morning. TOLOKONNIKOV stated that it was expedite and Mr. POWER agreed to see what he could arrange. ~~(S)~~-(U)

March 11, 1949 ~~(S)~~-(U)

Mr. POWER left a message for LEV TOLOKONNIKOV that Mr. GUBITCHEV could not be visited during the night of March 10, and early morning of March 11, 1949, but that if they, the Soviet representatives, desired to see Mr. GUBITCHEV they could see him at the United States Court House, Foley Square, New York City, at 10:00 A.M. It is noted that GUBITCHEV on this date was afforded a hearing before Judge RIFKIND at approximately 10:30 A.M. Later on the same day, early in the morning, LEV TOLOKONNIKOV protested bitterly to Mr. POWER about the arrangements but the argument was concluded by Mr. POWER, who informed Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV that he expected no further discussion on the point and that Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV could see Mr. GUBITCHEV if he so desired at 10:00 A.M. at the United States Court House. ~~(S)~~-(U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV left a message for USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN that it was necessary for GUBITCHEV to appear before Judge RIFKIND on that date and that GUBITCHEV had expressed a desire that a Soviet representative attend the Court hearing. TOLOKONNIKOV complained that he had been unable to make the necessary arrangements for him to visit with GUBITCHEV during the night of March 10, 1949, and early morning March 11, 1949. ~~(S)~~-(U)

GEORGI SOKOLOV left a message for LEV TOLOKONNIKOV that Ambassador PANYUSHKIN had instructed that TOLOKONNIKOV was to attend the Court hearing and had further indicated that TOLOKONNIKOV had his instructions. ~~(S)~~-(U)

USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN told LEV TOLOKONNIKOV that he should obtain a letter from JACOB MALIK which set forth PANYUSHKIN'S ideas on the GUBITCHEV matter and that he should act accordingly. Later a message was left for Mr. PANYUSHKIN by Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV to the effect that he, TOLOKONNIKOV, was aware of the contents of the letter and that he would start acting immediately. ~~(S)~~-(U)

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Mrs. SOLDATOVA left a message for Mr. POWER of the United States Mission to the UN that Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV would like to see Mr. GUBITCHEV at approximately 3:15 P.M. on that date. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Later on the same day Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV told USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN that he had spoken with GUBITCHEV and that physically GUBITCHEV is feeling well and is now alone in a cell. The message further reflected that on March 14, 1949, the Court would appoint an official attorney for GUBITCHEV and that the trial was scheduled to start on April 1, 1949. TOLOKONNIKOV is to see GUBITCHEV on March 12, 1949, and will then return to Washington. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Later on the same date TOLOKONNIKOV left a message for his wife that he was going to return to Washington on the following day. ~~(S)~~ (U)

It is known that on the evening of March 12, 1949, according to the records of Eastern Airlines, that TOLOKONNIKOV left LaGuardia Field at 6:10 P.M. on Flight 431 en route to Washington. The informant advised that TOLOKONNIKOV was accompanied on his return to Washington by Mr. BORIS KROTOV, First Secretary at the USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[March 14, 1949] ~~(S)~~ (U)

Mr. LEFKOWITZ, an attorney employed by CHARLES RECHT (CHARLES RECHT was formerly attorney for the USSR Consulate, New York City), left a message that Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV should immediately contact CHARLES RECHT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Later on the same morning an unidentified woman told CHARLES RECHT that Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV had attempted to contact him, RECHT, and could not wait any longer. RECHT stated that he was getting some one to meet him there. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Informant advised that arrangements were made for Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV to visit GUBITCHEV at the Federal House of Detention at 3:00 P.M. ~~(S)~~ (U)

CHARLES RECHT left a message for Mr. TOLOKONNIKOV that he had found a case which his office handled in 1942, which was very similar to the one they were now considering (presumably GUBITCHEV'S case). RECHT indicated that he had found all of the papers concerning this case by accident and that he thinks TOLOKONNIKOV will be very interested in the matter. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[March 15, 1949]~~(S)~~-(U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV left a message for USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN to the effect that YURI NOVIKOV (Attache at the USSR Embassy, Washington) and himself were returning to Washington and that everything is in order.

~~(S)~~-(U)[March 16, 1949]~~(S)~~-(U)

CHARLES RECHT left a message requesting that LEV TOLOKONNIKOV contact him at his convenience. Informant later advised that TOLOKONNIKOV had arrived at LaGuardia Field.

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YURI NOVIKOV told Mr. THOMAS POWER of the United States Mission to the UN, that he, NOVIKOV, and TOLOKONNIKOV would like to see GUBITCHEV on the evening of March 16, 1949. Mr. POWER told NOVIKOV that it was too late for such arrangements and, furthermore, that it was no longer an emergency for the USSR officials to see GUBITCHEV and, accordingly, arrangements would be made for them to see him, GUBITCHEV, only by appointment and on practical occasions. It was tentatively agreed that they, the USSR officials, could speak with GUBITCHEV at 10:00 A.M. on March 17, 1949.

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Mr. POWER told YURI NOVIKOV that the meeting with GUBITCHEV would be held at 3:30 P.M. on that date.

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Later on the same date arrangements were made by Mr. NOVIKOV with Mr. POWER for Messrs. TOLOKONNIKOV and NOVIKOV to speak with GUBITCHEV at 11:00 A.M. on March 18, 1949.

~~(S)~~-(U)[March 18, 1949]~~(S)~~-(U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV left a message for USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN that he is finished and that he is returning to Washington.

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Informant later advised that Messrs. TOLOKONNIKOV and NOVIKOV departed New York City by train at 5:30 P.M.

~~(S)~~-(U)[March 20, 1949]~~(S)~~-(U)

A message was left for LEV TOLOKONNIKOV by Mr. MALIK to the effect that he, TOLOKONNIKOV, should make arrangements to be in New York City

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by 10:00 A.M. on March 20, 1949, and to bring with him a copy of the Russian and American Rules and Regulations concerning Consular activities. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Later on the same morning informant advised that LEV TOLOKONNIKOV did not have an American version of the above-mentioned rules and regulations and that he would attempt to obtain a copy of them and bring them with him. ~~(S)~~-(U)

GEORGI A. SOKOLOV left a message with LEONID MOROZOV reflecting that USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN desired that JACOB MALIK send someone who is a holder of a diplomatic passport to Washington, D.C., with GUBITCHEV'S passport. Mr. PANYUSHKIN stated that the GUBITCHEV passport was urgently needed. Mr. MOROZOV told SOKOLOV that TOLOKONNIKOV, before leaving for Washington, had copied all the data off GUBITCHEV'S passport. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Informant advised that LEV TOLOKONNIKOV departed for Washington, D.C., at 2:05 P.M. by plane. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Mr. SOKOLOV told Mr. MOROZOV that USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN desires that YURI NOVIKOV bring GUBITCHEV'S passport to Washington as soon as possible. ~~(S)~~-(U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV told ALEXANDER SOLDATOV that Immigration Law of May 26, 1924, Section 3, Paragraph 7, was to be considered and that this law concerned the privileges and immunities granted to employees or representatives of Foreign Governments. ~~(S)~~-(U)

[March 21, 1949] ~~(S)~~-(U)

LEV TOLOKONNIKOV told LEONID MOROZOV that while copying data off GUBITCHEV'S passport NOVIKOV apparently made an error and TOLOKONNIKOV wanted to know if it should read Eastern Coast or Western Coast; MOROZOV stated that it should read Eastern. ~~(S)~~-(U)

Later on the same day TOLOKONNIKOV left a message for Mr. MALIK that he was coming to New York and would arrive about 2:00 P.M. ~~(S)~~-(U)

[March 22, 1949] ~~(S)~~-(U)

Mr. NOVIKOV left a message for USSR Ambassador PANYUSHKIN to the effect that he, NOVIKOV, SOKOLOV and TOLOKONNIKOV were returning to Washington. ~~(S)~~-(U)

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, N. Y.

Will conduct investigation to identify and ascertain activities of JOSEF ROSENWASSER and JOSEPH ROSS (latter may be an alias of JOSEF ROSENWASSER) who now occupy the apartment GUBITCHEV formerly occupied at 158 West 106th Street, New York City. It is noted that GUBITCHEV still receives mail at that address. (K)(u)

Will monitor GUBITCHEV'S bank account at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, from date of inception, October 16, 1946 to December 31, 1948, and will also monitor the account from March 7, 1949 to date. It is noted that it has already been monitored from January 1, 1949, through March 7, 1949. (K)(u)

Will maintain contact with confidential sources of information known to this Office and will report on activities taken concerning the GUBITCHEV case. (K)(u)

Will maintain and report results of the mail covers which already have been placed on the subject's present residence, 64 West 108th Street, New York City, and former address where he still receives mail, 158 West 106th Street, New York City. (K)(u)

Will conduct a complete, discreet espionage investigation regarding ABRAHAM NADEL, 15 West 107th Street, New York City. (K)(u)

Will identify MADIGAN - HYLAND COMPANY, 28-04 41st Street, Long Island, which name appears in the 1949 diary of GUBITCHEV. (K)(u)

Will identify the Facing Tile Institute which is affiliated with the Structural Clay Products Institute, the above appearing on a piece of stationery written in pencil together with the names, HANLEY and NATCO, in GUBITCHEV'S diary. (K)(u)

Will consider the advisability of interviewing members of the firm of WILLIAM HELBURN, INC., dealers in architectural and general art books, with regard to any contacts which they may have had with the subject. (K)(u)

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Will consider the advisability of interviewing ADOLPH G. SYSKA and JOHN F. HENNESSY of the firm of SYSKA & HENNESSY, Consulting Engineers, New York City. (X)(u)

Will consider interviewing WILLIAM H. MUESER of the firm of MORAN, PROCTOR, FREEMAN & MUESER, Consulting Engineers, regarding any contacts which they may have had with the subject. In this connection, it is noted that the Palace of the Soviets in Moscow was designed and constructed by this company. (X)(u)

Will check Immigration and Naturalization Service records for information regarding the citizenship status of SIMON SCHMIDERER, 5469 Sylvan Avenue, Bronx, New York. In this connection it has been reported that SCHMIDERER filed his first papers on October 19, 1938, in New York City, under Number 421903. (X)(u)

Will conduct further investigation, if deemed advisable, regarding the activities of SIMON SCHMIDERER in order to establish if he is or has engaged in Russian espionage. (X)(u)

Will at the logical conclusion of the investigation of SCHMIDERER'S activities consider advisability of interviewing him concerning his knowledge of GUBITCHEV'S activities. (X)(u)

Will examine the bank account of WOLFGANG M. CITRON at the Manhattan Trust Company, 110th Street and Broadway, for any pertinent information appearing therein. (X)(u)

Will conduct investigation at 316 East 55th Street, New York City, and through established sources such as the Credit Bureau, Board of Elections, etc., to identify RICHARD M. CLURMAN. It is believed that CLURMAN resides at the above address (316 East 55th Street) with SERGE M. WOLFF, described as being the subject's closest associate at United Nations Headquarters. (X)(u)

Will conduct further investigation in order to determine the nature of GUBITCHEV'S contact at 216 East Broadway, New York City, particularly as to I. EFRON. (X)(u)

[At Lake Success, New York.] (X)(u)

Will through appropriate source obtain personnel information regarding the following reported United Nations employees: (X)(u)

R. F. WINTHROP

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.

Will review the personnel file of WOLFGANG M. CITRON who was employed by the Office of War Information, United States State Department, New York City, from October 29, 1942 through November 16, 1943, and will report further background information appearing therein. (X)(u)

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identities of the Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA ROBERT J. WIRTH, dated March 28, 1949, at New York City, are as follows:

T-1	-	[REDACTED] Foreign Section, Federal Reserve Bank, New York City. (His name is being kept confidential at his own request.)	
T-2	-	[REDACTED] Security Officer, United Nations, Lake Success, New York. (His name is being kept confidential at his own request.)	(U)
T-3	-	[REDACTED] Comptroller's Department, Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 165 Broadway, New York City. (His name is being kept confidential at his own request.)	b7D
T-4	-	United States Civil Service Commission Records, New York City.	
T-5	-	[REDACTED] Security Officer, United States State Department, 224 West 57th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] is being carried as a confidential informant at his own request.)	
T-6	-	[Confidential Informant Z, Washington, D. C.]	(U)
T-7	-	[REDACTED]	
T-8	-	[REDACTED]	(U)

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell

April 21, 1949

ATTENTION: Mr. Raymond Whearty
The Director, FBI

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In connection with the instant matter a confidential and reliable informant has advised that during the past two days contacts between Judith Coplon and her attorney, Archibald Palmer, have revealed that Judith Coplon is in an hysterical state and has accused her attorney of not preparing a defense for her. Palmer, to most of these allegations, contends that the subject has told him practically nothing and that as a result it has been extremely difficult for him to prepare a defense. Palmer has further offered to resign his services in this case. Salient portions of these contacts are being set forth herewith for your information.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1949 Archibald Palmer told Bertram Coplon that if the subject wanted another lawyer he would resign. Bertram Coplon in reply to this merely told Palmer that he would recontact him. Later he was again in touch with Palmer and stated that his sister, Judith, was completely hysterical, incoherent, and that he had never seen her in a like state. To Palmer's question as to why Judith was hysterical, Bertram stated that the subject had stated Palmer was going to trial Monday (April 25, 1949) completely unprepared.

Palmer replied that the case is prepared and that he had given seven days a week to this case and felt that he could do nothing more than that. Palmer added he would not know what the prosecution would do, that he would have to wait until the witnesses took the stand. Bertram then stated that his sister is a very nervous type of individual and that he believes the reason Palmer has had her come to his office each day was to keep her calm. Bertram said that his sister lies in bed awake every night and the tension grows worse and worse on her. At this point, Palmer told Bertram Coplon that when Judith comes to his office, she will not talk to him and added that Bertram know the reason for this. Palmer continued that she won't even talk to him, won't even whisper, and that in his office she writes everything. Palmer stated that when they leave the office and go out on the street she does not even want to talk then and, furthermore, that he has had her go to his daughter's house and from place to place on the street and she still refuses to talk to him.

It is pointed out that Palmer appeared very disturbed and annoyed at these actions on the part of the subject and he made no attempt to conceal his annoyance from Bertram Coplon.

Palmer then stated that he intended to use Mrs. Samuel Coplon, the subject's mother, as a witness, feeling that she would not make a good

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witness. Regarding the subject's friends in Washington, who may or may not be subpoenaed, Palmer stated that he would have to wait and talk to them and determine if they are willing to testify. Palmer told Bertram that he had advised Judith that they could do this after their arrival in Washington. Bertram asked if that would not be too late and Palmer replied it would not as these interviews could be conducted after 4:30 PM when court had adjourned for the day.

Bertram then told Palmer that his sister was violently hysterical and Palmer replied he had thought that the other night. Palmer then insisted he could not see Judith more than seven days a week. When at this point Bertram stated that Judith has a lot at stake, Palmer very emphatically advised Bertram that he, too, had a lot at stake. When Bertram told Palmer it is subject's feeling that nothing has been done from the beginning, Palmer became quite excited and insisted on talking to Judith. Bertram replied that it was impossible as Judith was in much too hysterical condition to talk. During the greater portion of the aforementioned conversation between Archibald Palmer and Bertram Coplon, Judith Coplon was actually in an hysterical condition and continued alternately crying and screaming.

On April 19, 1949 Palmer was again in touch with Bertram and Judith Coplon. Bertram stated that Judith was a lot calmer at this time and added that this case means so much to his sister that she undoubtedly expects Palmer to sit and hold her hand and Bertram added that he had told Judith that as far as he is concerned, he thought Palmer had done all he could and was not going into a court of law without knowing what it was all about. As this point Palmer again stated his annoyance at having to go out on street corners and around blocks for the purpose of preparing his case and added that Judith will not talk to him in his office. Bertram asked whether Palmer's office was tapped, and Palmer emphatically stated it was not. Bertram then stated that his sister's feeling of such a condition was one of the principle reasons she would not talk to him in his office.

At this point Judith Coplon entered into the conversation with Palmer and Palmer told her that lately she had been talking of motions of some sort and he accused her of talking to some "silly lawyer." Judith Coplon denied this. Palmer once more stated that the answers to most of the difficulties at the present time was that he was not able to prepare this case in his office. The subject answered to this that she had not told Palmer anything he could not tell anyone in his office. Palmer continued that he had prepared his case in his own way and that if people did not like this method, they would be "silly to stick with me." Palmer at this point

told Judith Coplon that one of the reasons he had her come to his office each day was in order for her to become acclimated to legal atmosphere. Coplon exclaimed with disgust at this and stated that all she did was listen to Palmer cross-examine people. Palmer asked her if she knew what cross-examining was. Coplon replied that she did and that questions were asked and she answered them. Palmer began, "Well, if you know the truth and the story," at which point Coplon interrupted him and said, "So you answer truthfully." Palmer added, "Then you know what you are going to answer." At this Coplon said, "Well, who says I am going to testify." After a long pause, Palmer merely exclaimed, "That," at which point Coplon wanted to know who said she was going to be cross-examined. Palmer in answer to this said there was no use for Coplon to go at all.

Palmer then told Judith Coplon how silly it would be for him to appear in court in Washington and ask for an adjournment, explaining to her that this was the most important case in the country and that the connection of Gubitchev with the case necessitated a quick trial in Washington, inasmuch as Gubitchev was still in jail in New York. Coplon said that she thought they were being rushed into court and said she thought her rights were being violated because she had to go to trial so soon and also in connection with her arrest and arraignment. Palmer asked her to be specific but she merely stated that she had a feeling her constitutional rights were being violated, to which Palmer countered with another request that she be specific. Coplon stated that her bail was excessive. Palmer said that it was not inasmuch as she had made it. Palmer advised Judith that he would explain to the court that her father had recently died, but indicated to her that he held no hope for this being cause for a further adjournment.

Palmer and Coplon then entered into a jocular discussion about Coplon's being in love with him and said that maybe it happened "that night in Washington Heights." Palmer then wanted to know if she walked around "that neighborhood," but Coplon said she had not. From the conversation it would appear possible that both Coplon and Palmer had made a survey of the vicinity of 193rd Street and Broadway during the evening hours. Judith advised Palmer that the ribbon on her typewriter was broken and that she could no longer type but that during the day she had done other things, which she referred to as just as important. She then told Palmer that she has something on her mind which she said she had told Palmer and she feels it may come up "in a case of this kind." She said she is worried about certain things, things which she dare not tell him, but that there was one thing she was particularly worried about and said, "It's there, it's necessary and it's needed." She added that she has been doing some research on it.

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Palmer said he had called sixteen hotels in Washington and had finally been able to get accommodations for them at the Ambassador Hotel. Coplon stated that it had a very bad reputation along with the Annapolis Hotel, which was similar to the Dixie Hotel in New York City. She was particularly anxious not to stay in this hotel any longer than necessary.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : D. M. Ladd
FROM : H. B. Fletcher
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: April 28, 1949

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At 5:00 P.M. today Mr. Foley advised me that [] described as a friend of Coplon, had called his office at 11:00 A.M. this morning and had talked to Mr. Lenvin. Mr. Lenvin then got on the phone and told me that [] had said that she was a friend of Coplon and wanted to know if he had seen Coplon. He told her no. She asked if he intended to and he said no. She asked if he knew the hotel she was staying at. He told her no. He told her that if she wished to get in touch with Coplon she could do so by going to the court room.

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Shortly before this call Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office advised me that the case had been adjourned for the day with Mr. Foley on stand under direct examination. At 5:05 P.M. SAC Boardman of Philadelphia led in and through Supervisor Harzenstein advised in connection with their plans to place stops with all transportation companies such as air lines and bus companies on Gubitchev they had ascertained that a very logical place for such arrangements for Gubitchev would be the Globe Travel Service, 1212 Street, telephone Lombard 36977. This is a registered agent of the Soviet principle and is Soviet controlled. Mr. Harzenstein asked if consideration could be given to a technical surveillance. He stated that facilities would be given. I told him he would be advised.

For approval there is attached a memorandum addressed to the Attorney General requesting the necessary authorization for the suggested technical surveillance.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. K. LADD

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *437*

SUBJECT: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
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DATE: May 2, 1949

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As you are aware, the trial in this case was scheduled to begin today in the SDNY.

In my absence ASAC Belmont of New York called Mr. Laughlin at 11:05 A.M. and advised that when the case was called for trial this morning SAAG Donegan requested that it be set over until May 9, 1949, in view of the trial of Coplon, the co-defendant, in Washington.

In response to the Court's inquiry of Gubitchev as to whether he had any objection, Gubitchev reiterated that he was a diplomat and that the Court had no legal basis to try him. However, since it was up to the Government to set a date, he had no objection.

Mr. Donegan then moved that an additional condition be placed on Gubitchev's bond, and that was that if either the Government or the defense in the Coplon case in Washington subpoenaed Gubitchev as a witness, that he be permitted to answer the subpoena and proceed to Washington for that purpose only, with the understanding that he return to the SDNY immediately after his services are no longer necessary.

The Court called Tolokonnikov up to the bench and asked him if he, as bondsman for Gubitchev, had any objection. Tolokonnikov said he had; that he saw no reason to change the terms of the bond everytime Gubitchev was brought into court. The court then explained in no uncertain terms that if Tolokonnikov objected to the addition of this condition, that appropriate legal machinery was available to see that Gubitchev answered the subpoena, if received. Mr. Belmont explained that the court made it plain to Tolokonnikov that Gubitchev would be picked up and brought to Washington to answer the subpoena. Tolokonnikov withdrew his objection and consented to the addition of the condition proposed by Mr. Donegan.

Tolokonnikov asked the court how Gubitchev would get to Washington, if he were subpoenaed; in view of the prohibitions in his bond restricting his travel by plane or boat. The court replied that upon the receipt of a subpoena Gubitchev can go "by plane, train, automobile, or walk."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

SAC Scott Alden of Dallas telephonically advised Mr. McGuire that a picture appeared on the front page of the Dallas News of Judith Coplon concerning the beginning of her trial in Washington, D. C. and the caption was that Coplon is an ex-FBI employee. I have told Alden to go to the editor and advise him for the record that Coplon is not and never has been a member of the FBI, that she was an employee of the Department of Justice.

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 Alden stated that was ~~wanted~~ he wanted to do but wanted to clear with the Bureau. He thought it was a misunderstanding and that if they are contacted they would want to make a correction as they are a friendly paper.

Respectfully,

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 L. B. Nichols

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SAC, Washington, D. C.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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There are enclosed herewith two copies of the income tax returns of Judith Coplon for the years 1943, 1945, 1946 and 1947. The Treasury Department has advised they are attempting to locate the return for the year 1944. You will note that Judith Coplon listed no income other than her Government Salary.

cc - New York

Enclosures

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

DATE: May 3, 1949

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *L*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Special Agent Granville of the New York Office advised me at 4:50 P.M. today that SA R. E. Brennan, who is assigned to the New York Office, had finished testifying and unless the Bureau had some reason for keeping Brennan in Washington, he would return to his headquarters city tonight. Mr. Granville added that he has discussed Mr. Brennan as a witness with Messrs. Ehearty and Kelley of the Department and they indicated there is no further need for Brennan in connection with this case. *Ladd*

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *WBF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *hw*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 2, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Gurnea
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Pennington
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Tele. Room
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Holmes
 Miss Gandy

*L. J. [unclear]
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ep On Saturday, April 30, 1949, Mr. George Kneip, Departmental attorney, advised Special Agent R. J. Lamphere that Mr. Ray Whearty was to speak on that date to Mr. Peyton Ford regarding the advisability of the Government's consenting to a mistrial in the event Archibald Palmer began to make a motion to that effect. The basis of Whearty's desire for the Government to consent to mistrial is that Judge Reeves has failed to hold Palmer down, and has allowed him to let the trial get out of hand to the point that Palmer has several members of the Jury laughing half of the time. The results of Mr. Whearty's conversation with Mr. Peyton Ford are not known. Mr. Kneip was of the opinion personally that the Government had not been hurt by Palmer's actions and that as the trial progressed the Jury would realize the seriousness of Miss Coplon's offense.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *ok*

DATE: May 2, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
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Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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During the course of the trial today, testimony was offered with reference to the surveillance of Coplon and Gubitchev, which took place on January 14, 1949. Special Agents Hradsky, Brennan, Malley and Robinson of the New York Office testified as to the facts of the surveillance, and Special Agent Gauthier was on the stand at the time the Court adjourned for the day. Mr. Gauthier was called to the witness stand for the purpose of introducing a chart reflecting the movements of the subjects during the course of this particular surveillance. *HBF*

Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office reported that Palmer, the defense attorney, was still pursuing his tactics of last week. He is voluble, irrepressible and has attempted to bring in all types of irrelevant matter despite the Judge's efforts to keep him in line. He is apparently seeking a logical defense. After the trial today, he was surrounded by newspaper reporters who asked him a lot of questions. One of them made reference to the papers in the possession of Coplon. He remarked that she had the information so that she could prepare for a Civil Service examination. Another reporter spoke up and stated that Mr. Palmer had said previously it was for the purpose of writing a book. Palmer remarked that the reporter was a very smart boy.

Mr. Kelley advised Supervisor Lamphere that the Special Agents today made good witnesses. *dr*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WFO
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: March 9, 1949

In accordance with Bureau instructions photostatic copies of the original logs showing arrival and departure of individuals at the Department of Justice Building, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Hutchins Building, 10th and E Streets, N.W. and Tempo X Building, 19th and East Capitol Streets are enclosed with this letter. *me*

These logs cover the period from late Friday night, March 4, 1949 to approximately 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 7, 1949.

It is noted at the top of each log the time, whether A.M. or P.M., is indicated.

The logs are self explanatory, that is whether the log is for automobile admission.

It is further noted no automobile registers are available at Hutchins and Tempo X Buildings.

All of the above logs were obtained for this office by Mr. EVERETT HALL, Chief, Detective Unit, Public Buildings Administration, who is a contact of this office.

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April 8, 1949

Mr. Harold Weldon
Editor
Plattsburg Press-Republican
Plattsburg, New York

Dear Mr. Weldon:

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Justith Coplan
I have just had the opportunity of reading your editorial entitled "Reaction Comparatively Calm to Latest Espionage Case" which appeared in the Press-Republican on March 14, 1949. It is indeed gratifying to know that our efforts in connection with the investigation mentioned in your editorial have been so favorably received by you and I trust that the activities of this Bureau will continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: April 7, 1949

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Rebuletts dated January 4, 1949 and February 9, 1949, which stated that a Bureau confidential informant had furnished information concerning a Soviet espionage network which was operating in 1944 and 1945 in New York City and Washington, D. C.

This network in July, 1944 was considering drawing into its work an individual who was to be known as "SIMA", and by November, 1944 SIMA was operating in this Soviet espionage system.

SIMA has been positively identified to be the subject, JUDITH COPLON.

According to the Bureau's confidential informant, this network was also using an individual known as "ZORA". In addition, the system was using an individual known as "NAZAR", who was instrumental in the obtaining of COPLON's services through her careful handling by ZORA. COPLON is reported to have trusted ZORA implicitly.

The informant advised that in December, 1944 this same network was considering using one [] or [] who was thereafter to be known by the name of [], and that ZORA was also to be responsible for enlisting [] services. By January, 1945 [] was working with the network.

Referenced letter of January 4, 1949 called attention to a [] who on December 8, 1944, was in contact with JOSE ANTONIO ARZE, the head of the Communist Party of Bolivia. ARZE at that time was in New York City recuperating from a gunshot wound he had received in Bolivia and was in contact with prominent members of the Communist Party, U. S. A., including EARL BROWDER. [] at the time of this contact, informed ARZE that one ROBERTO had left Mexico on December 8, 1944, for the International Labor Conference which was to be held at Cali, Columbia on December 10, 1944. Referenced letter advised that [] later obtained a position as a clerk with the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., and that on January 8, 1945, she again conferred with ARZE in New York concerning this intended employment which began in Washington, D. C. on January 10, 1945.

By teletypes dated March 7, 1949 and March 7, 1949, the New York Office advised that [] married [] on September 15, 1946 in New York City and that they are believed residing in Eltavista, Villa Oregon, D. F., Mexico. [] a Mexican painter who was very friendly with JOSE ANTONIO ARZE, was formerly the husband of []

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
April 7, 1949

By letter dated January 19, 1949, the Washington Field Office furnished the Bureau with background information concerning [] as obtained from the office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C.

It was pointed out in this letter that [] and COPLON are approximately the same age; both attended Barnard College between September, 1939 and June, 1943; both were interested in languages; and both were interested in newspaper work. It is believed that [] is undoubtedly identical with the [] recruited by ZORA, who operated in the espionage group with COPLON.

It is noted that the names NAZAR and ARZE are somewhat similar. It is also noted that the Bureau's confidential informant in this matter advised that early in December, 1944 the Soviet network was considering having COPLON and [] circumvent ZORA in their contacts with the headquarters of the network. As previously mentioned on December 18, 1944, [] was in contact with ARZE.

Interviews with known associates of COPLON have to date failed to reveal any information concerning ZORA, [] or others who may have engaged in espionage work with the subject. From information on the person of COPLON at the time of her arrest, it is evident that she was making an effort to veil her political beliefs and espionage activities. Investigation to date indicates that she succeeded in doing this to a remarkable degree. b6 b7C

Available information concerning ZORA is that she was unsteady but extremely serious; that her mother and stepfather were once active in the Communist movement but had ceased this activity; that her mother knew of ZORA's connection with the Soviet espionage network; and that ZORA was in 1944 employed by the Office of War Information.

It is suggested that consideration be given by the Bureau to interviewing [] on the basis of her attendance at Barnard College at the same time as COPLON, on the possibility that she may inadvertently disclose information concerning a mutual acquaintance which may lead to the identifying of unknown subject ZORA.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject COPLON indicted by Grand Jury on 3/16/49 for violation Sections 793 and 2071 of Title 18, U.S. Code; arraigned in District Court, Washington, D. C. before Judge KEECH on 3/21/49 at which time she pleaded not guilty and was released on \$10,000. Information concerning thesis for M.A. degree under preparation by JUDITH COPLON, American University; results of interviews with acquaintances and associates of JUDITH COPLON set out. Original FBI investigative reports and documents in Department of Justice, on which "data slips" and notes found in subject's possession were based, located, and comparison set forth. FBI Lab states documents #1 through #14 and #34 typed on typewriter in subject's office. Investigation reflects #1 - 14 and 34 were not prepared in prescribed form for "data slips" and contain subject matter not normally placed on data slips. Documents #15 - 24 and 35 were typed on Corona Portable found in subject's room, are not in form prescribed for "data slips" and with exception of #15, contain subject matter not normally placed on data slips. Documents #25 - 33 are carbon copies of authentic "data slips" prepared in regular course of business on typewriter of stenographer, ETTA TAYLOR. Original copy of data slips #25-33 located. Search for designated carbons of #25 - 32 made, and in each instance, one carbon could not be located in FAR section. Designated carbon of #33 located indicating probability that extra one made, as FBI Lab states all carbons of #33 including one found in subject's possession, prepared simultaneously

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This is a joint report of Special Agents COURTLAND J. JONES and the writer.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS AND
ARRAIGNMENT OF JUDITH COPLON IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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On March 16, 1949, Subject, JUDITH COPLON, was indicted by the Grand Jury on two counts and a true bill returned at 4:10 P.M. on the same date. In Count I, the Grand Jury charged in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 793, that during the period from on or about December 10, 1948, to March 4, 1949, the exact times being to the Grand Jury unknown, at Washington, District of Columbia; JUDITH COPLON, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense and with intent and reason to believe that the information was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, did copy, take, make and obtain documents, writings and notes containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States, which documents, writings and reports were part of the official files and records of the Department of Justice.

In Count II, the Grand Jury charged in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 2071, that during the period from on or about December 10, 1948, to March 4, 1949, the exact times being to the Grand Jury unknown, at Washington, District of Columbia, JUDITH COPLON, being an employee of the Department of Justice, and in such capacity having custody of records, documents and papers filed and deposited with the Department of Justice, did wilfully and unlawfully conceal and remove certain of such records, documents and papers, to wit., certain extracts and summaries of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, known as data slips, containing intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States.

On March 21, 1949, the Subject was arraigned before Judge KEECH at 1:30 P.M. The Subject was represented at the arraignment by Attorney ARCHIBALD PALMER, 2 Lafayette Square, New York City. At the arraignment, Subject pleaded not guilty, bond was set at \$10,000 and the case was set for trial on April 25, 1949. COPLON was given one week to obtain the services of an attorney for the purpose of filing motions.

It was ascertained from the Clerk of Court that the Subject made bond. The cashier's check from the Chase National Bank, New York City, in the amount of \$7,000 made out to the Clerk of Court was presented and \$3,000 in cash was produced by ARCHIBALD PALMER, the attorney.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THESIS FOR M.A. DEGREE UNDER
PREPARATION BY JUDITH COPLON

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
GILBERT G. BENJAMIN:

The records of the Registrar's Office, American University Graduate School, 1901 "F" Street, N.W., was made available by Miss HAZEL H. FEAGANS, Registrar. They revealed that subject COPLON had enrolled for the school years 1945 to 1946 through 1947 to 1948. She was enrolled as a candidate for a masters degree in Government and International Relations. The file reflected that she chose as a thesis subject, "The Current Sources, Media and Regulation of Foreign Propaganda in the United States." The three members of her thesis advisory committee were listed as Dr. PITTMAN B. POTTER, Dr. HAROLD F. GOSNELL, and DAVID R. BOOKSTAYER, of the Washington College of Law.

On November 17, 1947, Miss COPLON submitted to the faculty the following outline concerning her Masters thesis which she intended to submit in June, 1948.

"Coplon, Judith
November 17, 1947

- I. June, 1948: M.A.
- II. 'The Current Sources, Media and Regulation of Foreign Propaganda in the United States'.
- III. The major problem of research involved appears to be twofold: (A) to review and assess the sources and media of foreign propaganda in this country; and (B) to determine the means and efficacy of the present regulation of foreign propaganda in this country.
- IV. Supporting problems would appear to include: (A) a comparison of the quantity and quality of sources and media of foreign propaganda in this country with those of foreign (and U.S.) propaganda in other countries; and (B) a comparison of the principles, methods and effectiveness of the regulation of foreign propaganda in this country with such regulation in other countries.

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- V. With respect to the study of the sources and media of foreign propaganda in this country, the primary source of information will probably be the registration statements filed by foreign propaganda agents and agencies in this country under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as Amended. Such statements are available for public inspection at the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice. The exact identity of the secondary sources to be used in this part of the study is not clear at the present time. With respect to the study of the regulation of foreign propaganda in this country, the primary sources of information will probably be the legislative history of the Foreign Agents Registration Act; the terms of the Act itself; possible interviews with those who were responsible for the wording of the Act and with the various administrators of the Act. Secondary sources will include studies appearing in the Public Opinion Quarterly and various law journals, as well as studies done in the field of propaganda control by such people as Harold D. Lasswell, etc.
- VI. The probable importance and value of such a study: As far as the writer knows, no such review of the current media, sources and regulation of foreign propaganda in the United States has been done nor has any recent study of the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act been made.
- VII. An exact description of the methods to be used in this study can not be indicated at the present stage.
- VIII. Preliminary outline:
- 'The Current Sources, Media and Regulation of Foreign Propaganda in the United States'.
- I. Introduction
- (a) definition

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- (b) history
- (c) changing nature of propaganda

II. Background of foreign propaganda in the United States.

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- (a) prior to 1939
- (b) 1939 to present

III. Chief sources of current foreign propaganda in the United States.

- (a) embassies and consulates
- (b) information offices
- (c) news agencies
- (d) tourist agencies
- (e) pressure groups
- (f) individuals and groups associated with the United Nations (only with respect to activities independent of official UN functions and duties.)
- (g) miscellaneous (chambers of commerce, etc.)

IV. Chief media of foreign propaganda in the United States.

- (a) printed matter (newspapers, press releases, pamphlets, books, etc.)
- (b) films
- (c) radio
- (d) speeches, lectures, meetings
- (e) press conferences and other liaison
- (f) miscellaneous (exhibitions, posters, etc.)

V. Regulation of foreign propaganda in the United States.

- (a) background of regulation of foreign propaganda
 - (1) general history
 - (2) application in other countries
- (b) history of regulation in the United States
- (c) present regulations — the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as Amended
 - (1) history and purposes
 - (2) administration and evaluation

VI. Summary and Conclusions"

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The subject was enrolled in the following courses ~~SECRET~~ at American University during the school year 1945-1946:

"Russia in the 20th Century," in which she received a grade of "A" from Instructor FRITZ EPSTEIN; "The Great Power in World Affairs," under Instructor EGON FERDINAND RANSCHOFENWERTHEIMER, in which she also received a grade of "A". During the summer session in the year 1946, she was enrolled in the following two courses: "International Organization" under Dean PITMAN B. POTTER, in which she received a grade of "A-"; "Economic and Political Developments in Contemporary Europe" under Professor HERBERT MARCUSE, in which she received a grade of "A". During the school year 1946-1947, she was enrolled in three courses, as follows: "International Law" under Professor ALFYN V. FREEMAN, in which she received a grade of "A"; "International Economics" under DONALD SHAM, from which she withdrew, and "American Diplomacy" under Dean POTTER, in which she received a grade of "B". Her last year at American University was during 1947-1948, and she took two courses as follows: "Seminar in International Organization" under Dean POTTER, in which she received a grade of "A" and "Government and Politics of Soviet Russia" under Dr. ELTON ATWATER, in which she also received a grade of "A".

According to Miss JANE RAUCH, Bursar, American University, the only two members of the above instructional staff which are still employed by American University Graduate School are Dr. ELTON ATWATER and Dean PITMAN B. POTTER.

There was noted in the Registrar's file on Miss COPLON, notes from Doctors ATWATER and POTTER in which they praised Miss COPLON'S handling of her comprehensive examinations for her Masters Degree. They indicated that she had handled certain portions of her comprehensive examinations with answers which they stated were "near distinction."

Regarding Dr. ATWATER, Miss FEAGANS, the Registrar, stated that he had in his possession a paper Miss COPLON had submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for one of the courses she was taking under him. Miss FEAGANS also stated that she believed it was worthy of note that Dr. ATWATER was active in the Friends Church (Quakers) and that he had, consequently, refused military service during World War II.

On a form dated November 13, 1947, entitled "Qualifications of Candidates", Miss COPLON states "I have been working since January, 1945, as a Political Analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, which officers administers the FAR Act, an Act designed primarily to disclose the sources of foreign propaganda disseminated in this country." It was noted that her comprehensive examinations, as listed on a form

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dated January 5, 1947, were to cover the following fields:

1. International organization
2. Contemporary Russia
3. Rural Politics -- with special references to the USSR

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It was noted that according to a longhand notation, COPLON passed her comprehensive examination for her MA in January, 1948.

A further form indicating statements concerning her comprehensive examinations in the above three fields contained the following statements from Dr. ATWATER and Dr. POTTER:

A. Contemporary Russia

1. Dr. ATWATER - Satisfactory (plus)
"Almost distinction, I shall say, but there are some points not covered, especially in Question 4. She knows the subject well."
2. Dr. POTTER - Satisfactory (near distinction)

B. International organization

1. Dr. ATWATER - Satisfactory
"She inclines to write at considerable length often bringing out much valuable detail and usually showing good critical evaluation but because of writing at length, she loses sometimes a balanced and well-rounded treatment."
2. Dr. POTTER - Satisfactory

C. War Politics with special reference to USSR

1. Dr. ATWATER - Satisfactory (?)
"Miss COPLON knows a great deal about contemporary war politics, but seems to me to be somewhat diverse in some of the basic principles underlying international relations. It doesn't seem to me that

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she has very thoroughly analyzed the forces behind nationalism and imperialism in Questions 1 and 2. She has dwelt mainly on examples and manifestations drawn largely from USSR. She also repeats considerable material in Question 3 because she did not select many non-Soviet examples for Questions 1 and 2. In Question 4 she overlooks the absence of a system of war law as a basic cause of war."

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2. Dr. POTTER - Satisfactory

On an application form dated February 18, 1946, she listed her home address as 2634 Tunlaw Road, Northwest, Washington, and her permanent home address as 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. She answered all the required questions on this form with the exception of the question concerning religious preference, after which she drew a dash.

She indicated that she had attended Barnard College in New York, from September, 1939, to June, 1943, and obtained an AB Degree with a History major. She further stated that her major field of training was research and that she was employed as a political analyst with the Department of Justice since January 16, 1945.

It was also noted that a transcript of her American University Graduate School grades was issued to the Admissions Office, George Washington University, on January 26, 1948, by HAZEL H. FEAGANS, Registrar.

The records of the Registrar's Office, George Washington University, were examined and indicate that Miss JUDITH COPLON was admitted to the Law School February 2, 1948, as a candidate for the LLB Degree on the basis of an AB Degree from Barnard College and graduate work at American University. At that time, she indicated her address as 2634 Tunlaw Road, Northwest; home phone WO 5219; business address, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.; business phone Republic 8200, Extension 1134. She stated she was born May 17, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York, and listed as her parent or guardian, SAMUEL M. COPLON, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. The Registrar's Office records indicate that she withdrew officially on March 9, 1948.

Acting Dean L.S. MERRIFIELD, George Washington University School of Law, Stockton Hall, advised that his records indicate that Miss COPLON actually withdrew from classes on February 18, 1948, and

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gave as her reason for withdrawal, "unable to fulfill New York Bar requirements as to student hour load." MERRIFIELD said that no other information regarding her would be available at George Washington University, and that he had nothing to indicate that any disciplinary action had been taken against her during her brief period as a student.

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RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH ACQUAINTANCES
AND ASSOCIATES OF JUDITH COPLON

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There is being set out herein under the results of interviews of acquaintances, associates, fellow employees and others with whom it was believed the Subject, JUDITH COPLON, was acquainted.

~~MILDRED BARBER~~
Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

On the evening of March 9, 1949, Miss MILDRED BARBER was interviewed by Special Agent STEPHEN A. SMITH at her home, 5916 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, concerning her knowledge of [redacted]

Miss BARBER has known [redacted] approximately five years since they were both employed together in the Old War Labor Board. BARBER, [redacted] and WALTER E. ~~SANFORD~~, JR., whose home is Apartment 1, 3811 Florence Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone Overlook 3598, share Room 1411 in the Department of Labor Building. BARBER has known [redacted] rather well because of their professional contact over the past three years. [redacted] family is reported to be living in New York City. [redacted] is known to BARBER as a contact and, probably a close friend of JUDITH COPLON. She knows that both these individuals are graduates of Barnard College in New York City. She knows they have attended affairs given by Barnard graduates locally, for instance, a recent dinner at which one of the speakers was Captain RHODA ~~MILLIKEN~~ of the Metropolitan Police Department.

According to BARBER, SID ~~BERMAN~~, who was at one time employed by the Labor Department, was a friend of both COPLON and [redacted] and has dated both of them. She has learned from [redacted] that BERMAN was desirous of pursuing his friendship with COPLON but was not successful. BERMAN has a friend, JOE ~~STONE~~, who is also an acquaintance of [redacted]

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[redacted] boyfriend, during the past several years, has been GEORGE ~~SPIEGEL~~, who once lived in Boston. SPIEGEL is a graduate of Harvard Law School and while at Harvard, was head of the National Lawyers Guild at this school. According to BARBER, this relation has been broken intermittently by quarrels and at the present time, insofar as she knows, they are not going together. It is BARBER's impression that this rift is permanent. BARBER has

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known GEORGE SPIEGEL for approximately six years. She met him while he was a student at Amherst College. Later, while BARBER was with the War Labor Board in Boston, SPIEGEL dated a co-employee of BARBER in the War Labor Board. In 1945, the unit in which BARBER worked was terminated and she came to Washington, D. C., to work.

BARBER described [] as a neurotic who is principally concerned with her financial status. She is always worried about money. Because of her personality, [] has no close friends at her place of employment. According to BARBER, [] has spent the last two days at work making an obvious attempt to make up to her co-employees. Ordinarily [] is rather friendly with BARBER because of their association in the same room over a period of the past three years. [] has consistently stayed in the office at the close of the day longer than other employees for no known reason. She is regarded as somewhat lazy and as not doing her share of the work. She engages in frequent and sometimes long telephone conversations, and BARBER recalled that on a number of occasions she had spoken to JUDITH COPLON for what seemed to be as long as an hour. BARBER recalled that [] had done much typing in the office although her job does not call for this type of work, inasmuch as she is in a professional classification and typists are provided for such employees. At one time, [] charged out a typewriter for home use but did not state to what use she planned to put the typewriter.

On Monday, March 7, 1949, [] was noticeably quiet in the office. She hardly spoke a word during the entire morning. BARBER felt that was probably because Mr. SANFORD was in the office and [] does not generally talk freely in front of him. On Monday morning, [] called a man whose first name was recalled as MARTIN and who is not further identifiable. She first said, "I wonder if I could see you sometime today." Later she asked, "Is it all right to see you in your office?" Apparently an affirmative answer was received in both instances. BARBER was unable to recall any factual statements to substantiate it, but her impression was that MARTIN is an attorney and is probably familiar with the procedure in Loyalty of Government Employee cases. After conversing with MARTIN, [] made another call. Over a period of time, [] has called two women known to BARBER as Mrs. ~~ATLAS~~ (ph) and Mrs. ~~FISHER~~ (ph).

Mrs. ATLAS and her husband are believed to be rather close friends of []. Neither the ATLASES nor the FISHERS are otherwise known to BARBER. It was BARBER's impression that the instant telephone call was to one of these women and probably to Mrs. ATLAS. Conversation was obviously concerning the COPLON case although no names were mentioned. At one point, [] mentioned

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the New York newspapers. She then stated someone she knew, apparently a woman who has a British accent, was attempting to see COPLON, but was not being very successful. A short time later, she made the statement, "I don't see how he could be surprised."

On Tuesday, March 8, 1949, [] seemed to loosen up a bit. She asked BARBER if the FBI had interviewed her. BARBER replied in the negative but agreed with [] that she probably would be interviewed. [] wondered how the FBI treated things and whether a fair and factual treatment was afforded in all instances. [] asked BARBER if the FBI had finished with the Espionage angle of the case. BARBER offered the opinion that it had not. [] then brought up the possibility of an LGE case on herself. She said she was not worried about having committed any overt acts, apparently confusing an LGE investigation with an Espionage violation. BARBER, not commenting upon the overt acts, advised [] that anyone who had knowledge of a person committing espionage and who did not report same was committing acts which were a violation of the law. There was no further discussion on this point.

At one point on Tuesday, [] made the statement she was surprised that her family had not contacted her, indicating that they knew of her friendship with COPLON and that she and COPLON lived in the same apartment development.

In other conversations on Tuesday and Wednesday, [] stated that some of the people with whom she had spoken about the COPLON case had told her that she should not give the FBI any more information than she obviously had to or more than that for which she was asked. However, she stated that GEORGE (SPIEGEL) had been the only one who said he did not think she did wrong by telling the FBI whatever she knew. The first-mentioned individuals had told [] she should stick by COPLON as a friend and that COPLON would expect her to do so.

At the beginning of the week, BARBER had the impression that [] felt just this way, but as a short time passed, she seemed to be changing her position, apparently because she fears she may lose her job at the Labor Department and would have to take a position at a considerable reduction in pay.

[] appears to BARBER to have been most careful in the statements she has made since COPLON's arrest, and it is BARBER's impression that she is making every effort to cover and protect herself. BARBER recalls that

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since COPLON's arrest [] has never come out with an absolute or direct denial that she [] is innocent of everything or anything. [] seems only to be concerned with establishing herself in a secure position.

On Tuesday, just prior to leaving work, [] telephoned Mr. ~~ATLAS~~ and asked to ride home on the bus with him. As a possible motive on the part of COPLON, BARBER recalled that during one conversation on Tuesday they were discussing COPLON's alleged activities, and [] made the statement to the effect that if someone were pro-Russian they would do something like that. BARBER gathered from this that [] regarded COPLON as being pro-Russian.

BARBER feels that [] to say the least, is "inclined to the left." She feels she may even be a Communist. From conversations and discussions with [] during the past three years, she has noted that [] has been in accord with the Communist Party line. She furnished the following examples to substantiate this:

1. [] all along, has been very much against the Loyalty Program. She has described it as "thought control," "abridgment of civil rights" and as "gestapo methods."
2. [] defended the recent conviction of Cardinal MINDSZENTY in Hungary, saying that MINDSZENTY was trying to take over the country. When BARBER compared MINDSZENTY's trial with the current trial of the Communist Party leaders in New York City, BARBER stated it was taking much longer to conduct the New York trial. [] commented that this was entirely right - that the Communist Party leaders should have every opportunity to defend themselves and "besides, MINDSZENTY was guilty." b6 b7C
3. [] has stated that America is an imperialistic country by the very methods of its economic setup.
4. [] feels that many of the actions for which Russia is criticized should not be so criticized as Russia is only trying to defend itself.
5. [] has defended the Russian use of the veto in the United Nations. She feels that Russia has not used the veto any more than other countries.

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The above observations, according to BARBER, seem to have been made from an impersonal or intellectual standpoint. [] feels there is nothing wrong with being a Communist, and further, that one can be a good Communist and a good American at the same time. BARBER recalls that [] has always been on the pro-Soviet side.

The following individuals were recalled as acquaintances of [] At the Old War Labor Board, [] worked in a group of five women. One was GERT GEITEN (ph), now married and whose husband, name unknown, is employed by the Public Health Service in Washington. Another is ELEANOR TOWNSEND, now believed to be employed by the American Friends Society in Philadelphia. A third is EILEEN HUNK, now ^{FILED} Mrs. RICHMOND, who is believed employed presently by the American Hosiery Workers Union in Philadelphia, and whose husband is employed as a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. The fourth is a negress of extremely light complexion, who was often mistaken for a white person. Her name is either LAURA LEE or her first two names are LAURA LEE. Her present whereabouts is unknown. The last individual is a negress whose name is not recalled, but is presently believed to be teaching at Howard University in Washington, D. C., probably on the subjects of Economics and Labor Problems.

ROY PATTERSON of the UFWA-CIO, is a personal friend of [] She has violently defended PATTERSON on at least one occasion when someone criticized him. PATTERSON contacted [] frequently when she was a UFWA Shop Steward in the Labor Department.

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It is to be noted that in the Bureau letter of March 8, 1949, [] advised the Bureau that Miss BARBER had informed her superiors concerning her suspicions of [] and that her superiors had directed her to advise [] herself, of the nature of her statements. This matter was not brought up by BARBER during the interview, and inasmuch as [] had requested that his identity be kept entirely confidential, it was not brought up at all.

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BARBER was concerned as to whether she should tell [] that she had been interviewed by the FBI. It was tactfully suggested that she exercise her best judgment in the matter and that it would probably be best if [] was not advised.

It is to be noted that COPION is not personally known to Miss BARBER, and she knows nothing of her personal life, friends or acquaintances except []

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A. HARRY ~~BECKER~~
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

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On March 8, 1949, A. HARRY BECKER, telephonically contacted SA JOHN E. HOWARD and furnished the following information additional to that furnished in a previous interview conducted on March 5, 1949, as set out in referenced report.

BECKER stated first, that after talking with his wife and sister, he was now sure that COPLON had only been to his residence at Buckingham on one occasion. This was on the same occasion that BETTY ~~ARNOW~~ was at his place for dinner. He also states that he now recalls two additional occasions since Christmas when he and his wife have been with the Subject socially. On one occasion, they had dinner at a Chinese Restaurant and there were five or six in this party. BECKER and wife, COPLON and ~~SHAPIRO~~ and ~~LEV MOSES~~ are the ones he recalls being there. One other person may have been there but, if so, he does not recall who. He does not recall the date of this dinner other than that it was since Christmas. He does not recall which Chinese Restaurant they went to.

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On another occasion, BECKER and his wife met COPLON and SHAPIRO at the home of SYLVIA ~~MASLOW~~, 1404 Tuckerman, for dinner. This dinner had been prepared by SARAH ~~BECKER~~ and SYLVIA MASLOW. Those persons mentioned here were all who were in attendance on this occasion. He did not recall the exact date of this dinner but that it was sometime since Christmas.

DAVID R. BOOKSTAVER
3363 B South Wakefield Street
Arlington, Virginia

Mr. DAVID R. BOOKSTAVER, Professor, Washington College of Law, 2000 G Street, N. W., was interviewed March 16, 1949, by SAS HOLLIIS W. BOWERS and ROBERT W. MC CASLIN.

Mr. BOOKSTAVER advised he resided at 3363 B South Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia, telephone, Alexandria 7360. He stated, too, that he had office space at 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

BOOKSTAVER advised he was born at Sag Harbor, New York, and that he was educated in New York. He stated that he met the Subject sometime during

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February, 1945, at which time he recalls that she came to FARS, Department of Justice, from some Government job which he believed was in New York.

BOOKSTAVER recalled that the Subject was employed to handle the analytical work in the French field. He stated that he was an attorney in that section at the time. He said that he recalled that she worked directly under Dr. M. De CAPRILLAS until the summer of 1945 when the latter left the Department. Mr. BOOKSTAVER mentioned that he recalled that she did good work in her field and that she was commended highly by Dr. De CAPRILLAS and others who knew of her work. Mr. BOOKSTAVER said that he was slightly conversant with the type work she was doing because he was handling related matters in Italian and Belgian fields. Later on he took over the Yugoslavian field and stated that Subject assisted him on some analysis work in that field. He said that at that time there were approximately 100 people in the section and that because of the number of persons, he was not as familiar with her as the present employees who are working very closely together in a small group.

BOOKSTAVER stated that in connection with the Yugoslavian group and the work that he was doing on the United Committee of South Slavic Americans, he recalled that the Subject turned up a lot of good information for him. He stated that she gleaned this information from reading the foreign press comments.

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BOOKSTAVER stated this latter work was sometime during 1946. He cannot recall definitely the true date. He mentioned the Subject might have worked on other material for him but that he does not recall what else she might have done. He did say, however, that he handled much of the Soviet work of that section and that he worked in that field with Mr. NEMZER who was a political analyst, too, like the Subject. Mr. BOOKSTAVER remarked that NEMZER knew the Soviet field "forwards and backwards." He said that in addition to knowing the Soviet field, he knew every splinter group that broke off from the main organizations. BOOKSTAVER said that if the Subject was in on this group, she would have been there in connection with helping NEMZER, he believes, and then he added that perhaps she took over NEMZER's work in the field after NEMZER left the Department.

BOOKSTAVER advised that he went with FARS in August, 1943, and that he left the latter part of March, 1947. He said, however, that his official termination, according to the records, was in July, 1947. He indicated that

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from January, 1947, until the end of March he was Acting Chief of the division. During that time and on all previous occasions that he had had contact with the Subject, he had never gathered in any way that she might be engaged in any disloyal or subversive activities. He said he recalled having lunch with her and other members of the section on many occasions while he was with the Department. He said that he feels he has seen her no more than seven or eight times since he resigned from the Justice Department.

BOOKSTAYER recalled that he did have lunch with her either prior to or subsequent to her trip to Europe. He stated he recalled, too, having requested her to visit some friends of his who were outside of London and he said that he recalled that she advised him upon her return from Europe that she was unable to contact his friends in England. He said she spoke of the time she spent in Italy and indicated from her conversation that her trip was nothing but a pleasure trip. He said he felt her trip was not beyond her means; that he felt she was careful with her salary and in his opinion it would be entirely possible for her to have saved sufficiently during the time of her work with the Government to pay for such a vacation.

BOOKSTAYER said that he recalled asking Subject sometime during the fall of 1948 for information on American Youth for Democracy. He said that he did this because he had been requested by a friend of his who was representing a member of the AYD in some Loyalty case in which the friend's client was involved. He said that Subject suggested that he review a report which she would send him prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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BOOKSTAYER made available a letter which he had received in connection with this report that Miss COPLON gave him and which report he had given to Attorney MALLORY R. SMITH who was representing the client in question. He recalled that the last time he saw the Subject was after a luncheon which he had had with Mr. KOFFSKY and Mr. LENVIN of the Department. He felt that this was about the first of March, 1949. He mentioned that he returned with the above two gentlemen to the Department and that he recalls seeing her in her office in the FARS. At that time, he said he passed the time of day with her and recalls mentioning something about her work at American University, at which time she said she was about to finish her thesis for some graduate work she was doing at American University. He said he wished to mention that, in this connection, he would be a member of a board of three to pass on Miss COPLON's thesis regarding her graduate work at American University.

BOOKSTAYER said that he had tried to evaluate the circumstances of the Subject's case and determine in his own mind the reason for the Subject's

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engaging in such activities. He said that the first thing that came to his mind was that approximately a year ago she asked him if he knew of any job that she might be able to do in New York. He said he can't recall exactly what he told her at the time but that he does recall that later on he asked her if she was still interested in a New York job and he recalls that she informed him that she was no longer interested. Mr. BOOKSTAVER said he did not know whether she had indicated her disinterest subsequent to her trip to Europe or not. If it was subsequent to her European trip, he said he would then speculate that she might have been contacted by the Russian agent sometime during her vacation in the early summer of 1948.

BOOKSTAVER indicated that he was not familiar with any of Subject's close friends in the Department other than to know she was friendly with [redacted] KOFFSKY and former members of the FARS, such as NEMZER, ~~MACKNIGHT~~ and ELIFF. He said he understood that she was keeping company with a Department attorney by the name of SHAPIRO. He said he did not know this attorney.

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BOOKSTAVER referred to the former analyst in FARS, Mr. ~~MANCHUR~~ who is presently a professor at Wayne University at Detroit. He characterized MANCHUR as a good analyst but not very objective. He felt that MANCHUR thought of the section as being "too much of a spy catching section," whereas he said actually FARS was delegated by the law to watch propaganda trends in the United States.

BOOKSTAVER remarked that he visited the Department subsequent to Congressman WOOD's release to the press about information obtained from MANCHUR. He indicated that he spoke with Mr. FOLEY and Mr. CAMPBELL of the Department. He said that he gathered from Mr. CAMPBELL that the House Committee on Un-American Activities report was greatly embellished and that it was not an accurate expression of the remarks of MANCHUR. He stated that in his opinion MANCHUR was just critical of FARS and that he was never suspicious of anyone in the section as was alleged in the HCUA's press release.

BOOKSTAVER stated that he never gathered from MANCHUR or anyone else when he was with the Department that any member of FARS was engaged in any work or activities in that section which were not in conjunction with their regular work. He stated further that he acted as "straw boss" under NATHAN ~~ELIFF~~ who was head of the section. He recalled that in that capacity he was apprised of the good work that was being done by the Subject. He had remembered that the comment was once made that she was the "cheapest employee in the Department." He said that by this was meant that she was doing the same work of others who were two or three grades above her in salary.

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BOOKSTAVER felt that ELIFF was appointed section chief around January, 1946, and that he left towards the end of that year. He said that during ELIFF's period of being section chief, the section was greatly reduced and that most of the members in the analytical field were informed they would have to leave. Some, he said, sensed this situation and got out of their own accord. He named NEMZER and MackNIGHT as being two who got out of their own accord. He said that MANCHUR was informed that he would have to leave. He said that caused much hard feeling on the part of MANCHUR. He was of the opinion that the decision that MANCHUR should leave was made by MackNIGHT. He said that on a qualitative basis he felt that NEMZER would be considered a more valuable employee in FARS than MANCHUR and he felt that because of this NEMZER was retained after MANCHUR was notified he had to leave.

BOOKSTAVER was of the opinion that the breaking up of the section was the result of the inspection made by McCauley of the Department. He indicated that it was the impression around the Department that section was about to be "washed out."

BOOKSTAVER remarked that on a comparative basis one would say that the Subject was of a more liberal outlook than such a man as MANCHUR. However, he said he did not feel that she ever manifested by her conversation or her activities about the Department that she was considered a radical liberal. The entire section he said in comparison with the Criminal Division was not made up of such solid personnel. He explained that that was only normal because FARS was considered a wartime section and it did not have the seasoned personnel as the Criminal Division.

BOOKSTAVER indicated that it was not the duty of any analyst in FARS to take upon himself the task of seeing the foreign representatives of European governments registered as agents under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. He said that the analyst was charged with compiling information and that this information was in turn passed on to the attorney of the section who was charged with the enforcement side of the act of registering.

BOOKSTAVER was questioned at length regarding this practice because of the allegation made by the Rumanian nationalist, ALEXANDRE CRETZIANU to the effect that he had been pressured by [redacted] an analyst of that section, to register with FARS. BOOKSTAVER was asked if it would be possible to have information of a registrant obtainable from the public files within a period of twenty-four hours and he indicated that this would be most unlikely. This

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question was asked because it will be recalled that Dr. ~~FOTAGE~~, the Yugoslavian, indicated to Mr. CRETZIANU that the morning after his registration, the Daily Worker carried the account of his registering as a foreign agent.

BOOKSTAVER indicated that it was the practice for all agents to file two registration certificates, the copy, he said, was then sent to State and that after State had made an official recognition of the registration, the original was then made available in the public files of the Department. He felt that this procedure would take a greater portion of a week to complete.

BOOKSTAVER said that after he left the Department, he understood Mr. RAYMOND WHEARTY took over as Chief of the section. He said that he never gathered from Mr. WHEARTY or any other one in the Department who knew of the Subject's work that she was not devoting herself exclusively to her job. He said that he personally would have sworn on her had he not read the account of her activities in the press.

BOOKSTAVER suggested that a former attorney in PARS, Mr. JAMES WASHINGTON, a professor at Howard University, might be able to give additional information concerning the Subject.

~~JOSEPH BORKIN~~
Attorney
Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH BORKIN, Room 1018, Ring Building, was interviewed at his office by SAS JOHN E. HOWARD and STANLEY T. BLASZEK on March 16, 1949.

BORKIN, who until October, 1946, was employed as Chief Economic Adviser and Attorney, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, advised that he first met COPLON during 1943 in connection with his frequent trips to the Department of Justice Office in New York City. BORKIN was never assigned to the New York City Office; however, he had occasion to go there in connection with his work. In conversation with employees of Justice in New York, he heard of COPLON. He heard through these people that COPLON was a brilliant girl, having been graduated with honors from Barnard College. He knew her only as an employee and never saw her outside the office.

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Sometime during early 1945, BORKIN recalled, in seeking a replacement for his assistant who was about to resign, that he interviewed several girls including COPLON for the position, but COPLON advised she did not want the job. He frequently saw COPLON in the halls of the Justice Building in Washington, D. C., but seldom had an opportunity to talk with her.

BORKIN did not recall ever having introduced anyone to COPLON and could not state who became acquainted with him as a result of COPLON's acquaintance with him. He recalls that the last time he saw her was on October 13, 1948, at which time he was a representative of Universal Pictures and the J. Arthur Rank Organization, promoting a private showing of the movie "Hamlet" at the Interior Department Auditorium. He stated he sent several tickets to friends in the Department, and COPLON may have obtained a ticket from one of those to whom he had sent them. He could not specifically recall who accompanied COPLON on that occasion but vaguely recalled it may have been Mr. FOLEY of the Department of Justice. BORKIN stated he did not recall ever having gone to lunch with COPLON nor did he ever visit COPLON nor she visit him. He stated he could not say that he was well acquainted with her.

BORKIN could add nothing further to the current investigation.

JAMES E. ~~BOWERS~~
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

On March 16, 1949, Mr. JAMES E. BOWERS, Chief, American Republics Branch, Division of Biographic Information, State Department, was interviewed by SAS STEPHEN A. SMITH and LEWIS E. GLENN at his office in Room 328, Annex 1, 401 23rd Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Mr. BOWERS advised that he has never met COPLON personally and, as far as he can recall, he has never talked with her on the telephone or had any contact with her in any way. He stated that he first came to the State Department in 1946 and that if it was so desired, he could go through his telephone request slips, month by month since September, 1946, to determine if he had received any request for information from JUDITH COPLON. Mr. BOWERS advised that he had never heard of COPLON until he read of her arrest in the newspapers and knew nothing whatever of her activities.

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~~EMMA~~ BROOKS
694 4th Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. EMMA BROOKS, 694 Fourth Street, N. E., was interviewed by Special Agents WILLIAM V. SLEVIN and HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN on March 8, 1949, and the following information was obtained:

EMMA BROOKS was employed by JUDITH COPLON as a maid from March, 1947 until January, 1948 at 3624 Tunlaw Road, Apartment 108. Mrs. BROOKS cleaned this apartment once a week and saw COPLON on only one occasion, that occasion being in March, 1947 when COPLON hired Mrs. BROOKS. From this time on, Mrs. BROOKS had communicated with COPLON only by note or by telephone.

Mrs. BROOKS advised that during the time she cleaned COPLON's apartment, she observed that her desk was always unlocked and was always kept in a very neat condition. She observed no typewritten papers of any description on the desk nor was there any indication that anyone was doing extensive typing in the apartment.

Mrs. BROOKS recalled that in the summer of 1947, COPLON obtained a portable typewriter which Mrs. BROOKS had observed in a black carrying case on COPLON's desk. She was unable to further describe this typewriter.

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Mrs. BROOKS stated that she was aware that COPLON made occasional trips to New York because COPLON did advise her of these trips telephonically and instruct her to clean on Saturday mornings when COPLON would be gone. COPLON stated the reason she made these trips to New York was to visit her parents.

Mrs. BROOKS stated that COPLON advised her that she was attending American University and was studying very hard, and for this reason did not want Mrs. BROOKS present in the apartment when COPLON was there.

On several occasions, COPLON phoned BROOKS requesting that she not clean the apartment inasmuch as COPLON stated she was studying for exams.

Mrs. BROOKS stated that in cleaning the COPLON apartment she observed nothing of an unusual nature, and stated that she never saw evidence of paper or other materials being burned in the apartment. She stated that she had never seen files or any papers which appeared to be official Government documents.

Mrs. BROOKS stated that the only known contact which she could give was a Miss M. C. GUGIN, one of COPLON's neighbors at 3624 Tunlaw Road.

Mrs. BROOKS stated that she was employed by COPLON on the recommendation of one of the neighbors at 3624 Tunlaw Road, whose name BROOKS could not recall. Her employment was terminated in January, 1948, when COPLON requested her to clean the apartment each day. Mrs. BROOKS stated she was unable to work this regularly and therefore mailed COPLON the key to her apartment.

The personnel file of Mrs. EMMA BROOKS was examined at the Civil Service Commission and reflected the following information:

Mrs. BROOKS is employed by the Civil Service Commission as a clerk in the Examining and Placement Division. She was born January 3, 1910, at Washington, D. C. Her mother and father are listed as EDWARD and SADIE DAVIS, 401 Franklin Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Her husband is listed as ROBERT BROOKS, his employment being a laborer in the Department of Justice. Mrs. BROOKS attended the Armstrong High School from 1922 to 1926 and has been employed intermittently by the Government since 1938. Her employment was with the General Accounting Office and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the War Department.

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~~KATHLEEN CLEMENTS~~
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. KATHLEEN CLEMENTS was interviewed in Miss BROOKLEY's office in the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, on March 18, 1949, by Special Agent EDWARD F. HUMMER, at which time she stated that she knew JUDITH COPLON to be an employee of the Department of Justice, but to her knowledge, has had no official contacts with her. Mrs. CLEMENTS advised that sometime in February, Miss COPLON came in her office and asked for a bill dealing with the granting of immunity to certain United Nations officials. Mrs. CLEMENTS immediately referred her to Miss LUCILLE BRUNNER and Mrs. NORTON, whose jobs pertained to keeping track of pending legislation.

Mrs. CLEMENTS further stated that she has seen JUDITH COPLON in the cafeteria many times, generally in the company of [redacted] or HAROLD SHAPIRO.

Mrs. CLEMENTS, herself, has never lunched with COPLON and, to her knowledge, only spoke to her on one occasion prior to the February contact mentioned above.

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Suitland, Maryland.

On March 11, 1949, [redacted]
Suitland, Maryland, was interviewed in the Washington Field Office by Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL.

[redacted] advised she had first met JUDITH COPLON in the Economic Warfare Section, Department of Justice, in January, 1944, at which time COPLON came to Washington for a few days to work on a special assignment in the Department of Justice. She stated that from that time on, a number of persons from the New York Office came to Washington for a few days at a time to work on these special assignments in the Department. She stated that among these whom she recalled from the New York Office, in addition to JUDITH COPLON, were CHARLES BALDWIN, ALEXANDER SACHS,

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ROBERT WOHLFORTH, ELSIE FRIEMUS and [] She stated that NORMAN BURSLE, at that time employed in the Department, knowing that she, [] had an apartment at 1748 N Street, N. W., suggested that she entertain the girls who were down from New York on these special assignments. She stated that [] and the Subject had stayed overnight with her on occasion and that, to the best of her recollection, the Subject stayed with her on several different occasions, spending from a few nights to a week at a time with her. She stated that to the best of her recollection, the Subject, while employed in the New York Office of the Department, came to Washington approximately every two months to do special work on German Cartels. She stated, however, that she did not recall with whom the Subject worked on these occasions.

[] stated that in May, 1945, a few months after the Subject had transferred to Washington, D. C., the Economic Warfare Section of the Department was abolished necessitating her giving up her job, at which time she joined the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She stated that from the middle of 1945 to the beginning of 1947, she was overseas with UNRRA and that while overseas did not correspond with the Subject, stating that she considered herself to be only a casual acquaintance. She said that while she was with the Department of Justice, she was a clerk-stenographer and as such did not have any close contact with the Subject in her work. She said further that she was not assigned to take dictation from COPLON and that she did so only on one occasion. She advised that in the Economic Warfare Section in Washington, D. C., at the time that COPLON was working on special assignments from New York, during 1944 and early 1945, were Mrs. MARVIN PICARD, JULIAN LEVITCH, GEORGE GAZZERA, NORMAN BURSLE, WILLARD MEMLER, SYDNE DIAMONE and WARD BOWMAN. She stated that all of these individuals were employed as analysts and that JAMES MARTIN was at that time Chief of the Section. Among the girls working in the Economic Warfare Section, at that time, according to Miss COHEN were JUNE WEAVER, EVA LESSER and SUE HAMPTON. She stated there were other girls employed but that she no longer recalled their names.

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[] advised that after coming back from overseas early in 1947, COPLON was one of the first persons that she looked up in Washington, D. C. She stated that since then she has seen the Subject on perhaps a half dozen different occasions and that she has more frequently communicated with her by telephone. She said that she recalls in the summer of 1947 she visited the Subject's apartment on Tunlaw Road and that also present in the Subject's

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apartment at that time were IRENE and JOSEPHINE HEBARD, SARA BECKER and [redacted]. She stated that the last time she saw the Subject was in November or December, 1948, when she chanced to run into her during intermission at a function held at Constitution Hall.

[redacted] went on to state that about the only interests she had in common with the Subject were music, arts and the theater. She stated she had never discussed current affairs with the Subject and that she had never heard her mention anything concerning Russia, politics, political ideals, Communism or any other controversial subjects. She stated that she was at a loss to understand how COPLON would be involved in any espionage activities and that during her association with her, COPLON had never indicated any antagonism toward the United States or toward the American form of Government. She stated that when she first heard of the Subject's involvement in espionage, she was as surprised as she would have been if she had heard her own name mentioned in this connection. She stated that shortly after Subject's arrest, JOSEPHINE and IRENE HEBARD, JULIAN LEVITCH and [redacted] had all gotten in touch with her and discussed Subject's arrest.

Concerning her own background, [redacted] advised that she was born [redacted] Rumford, Maine. She stated that her father [redacted] and her mother [redacted] were both born in Lithuania, her father having immigrated to the United States in 1910, her mother having followed a year or so later. She stated that her parents had first resided in Boston for about six months after their arrival in this country and then moved to Portland, Maine, where they remained for about six years, after which they moved to Rumford, Maine, where her father formerly owned the Rumford Bottling Company. She stated that she had resided with her parents until she was 21 or 22 years of age; attended Normal School, 1933-1935, Gorham, Maine, from which she received a Teachers Certificate; then went to Boston, Massachusetts, to study music and, at the same time, became employed as an office clerk from October, 1936, to December, 1943, by the United Stores Company, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

[redacted] stated that her mother died in 1936 and that her father had died in 1939. She further stated that a brother [redacted] died in the fall of 1948, near Rumford, Maine; that another brother, [redacted] employed as a musician and teacher in the schools of Rumford, had died in the winter of 1947, and that her eldest sister [redacted] had died in Rumford in 1946. Another sister, [redacted] is presently residing in Portland, Maine. [redacted]

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[] stated that she had left Boston in January, 1944, to work with the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. She stated that in September, 1948, she moved from Washington, D. C., to her present residence in Maryland.

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ELIZABETH DEEBLE
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

On March 9, 1949, SAS LEWIS E. GLENN and STEPHEN A. SMITH interviewed ELIZABETH DEEBLE at the Washington Field Office.

ELIZABETH DEEBLE is employed at the State Department in the Spanish-Portuguese Section of the Information Bureau. She resides at 3333 N Street, N. W., Apartment 734. ELIZABETH DEEBLE was first in contact with COPLON about May of 1947 when DEEBLE made inquiries in connection with the work of COPLON at the Justice Department. All of these contacts have been connected with DEEBLE's work and have been made by DEEBLE. To the best of her recollection, COPLON never asked her for any information at all. Although DEEBLE has never seen COPLON, she recalled that fairly recently COPLON had suggested they have lunch together, but that such appointment somehow never took place. She was unable to furnish any other pertinent information inasmuch as she had no knowledge of COPLON's personal life or of any contacts or acquaintances. Miss DEEBLE was personally unaware of any disloyal activities on the part of Miss JUDITH COPLON and stated she has never heard of anything which would indicate COPLON was engaged in any such activity.

ELIZABETH DEEBLE furnished the following background information concerning herself:

She was born December 3, 1888, at Washington, D. C. She attended the public schools of Washington and later attended the Abbott Academy in Massachusetts. She spent thirteen years in Spain, from 1926 to 1938, originally visiting this country as a tourist, and subsequently setting up a travel agency. Her home was in Barcelona although she traveled extensively throughout Spain. She is proud of the fact that she is a member of the Spanish-American Chamber of Commerce. During the Spanish Civil War, from July, 1936, to May, 1938, she was a War Correspondent for the Manchester Guardian. She then returned to the United States and lived with her aging mother for approximately two years, during which time they traveled throughout the country. She began to look for a job in 1940, but could not get one because of her age. On April 6, 1942, she

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entered the employ of the United States Government, Office of Censorship in New York City and was employed by this organization for two years. She then went with the Office of War Information (Spring of 1944) editing radio broadcasts in Spanish and Portuguese. She left this organization because of a reduction in force in September, 1945. Since December, 1945, she has been employed by the State Department.

Miss DEEBLE furnished the name of ANTONIO MICOCCHI, who is also employed by the State Department in the Information Bureau, as another individual who has had telephonic contact with Miss COPLON in connection with official matters. It is Miss DEEBLE's recollection that like herself, MICOCCHI has never met COPLON personally and that his knowledge of her is confined to the aforementioned contacts.

~~HELEN DOYLE~~
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Miss HELEN DOYLE, 1669 Columbia Road, N. W., Apartment 401, telephone Adams 1657, employed Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, was interviewed in the Washington Field Office by SA EDWARD F. HUMMER on March 15, 1949, and advised that on or about May 1, 1948, she was detailed to the Foreign Registration Section of the Department of Justice a few days a week to help Mrs. LONGLEY in the Clerical Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section. It was very shortly thereafter that Miss COPLON went on her trip to Europe.

Miss DOYLE stated it was her job in the Foreign Registration Act Section to initially receive incoming FBI reports, to index them, and prepare them for the file in the Department. After indexing them, Miss DOYLE advised that the reports were then distributed to either the attorneys or the analyst in the Section.

From May until September, 1948, Mr. HOGAN had been receiving most of the FBI reports. In September, 1948, he left to work on the Tokyo Rose case and upon Mr. FOLEY's instruction, Miss DOYLE stated the FBI reports were then sent to Miss COPLON. These reports all bore the FBI character of Internal Security-C or R.

This practice of forwarding all these reports to Miss COPLON continued up until February, 1949, when Miss DOYLE stated that Mrs. ROSSON came

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into the section, at which time Mr. FOLEY gave instructions to send FBI reports to her. Miss DOYLE stated that the procedure in this regard was as follows:

After she had indexed the reports, the reports were placed in the outgoing messenger box and messengers took them and put them in Mrs. ROSSON's incoming box. Miss DOYLE never personally handed the reports to Miss COPLON. Miss DOYLE further stated that three or four days after receiving instructions from Mr. FOLEY to send reports to Mrs. ROSSON, Miss COPLON came to her, Miss DOYLE, and made a complaint, "Are you sending those reports to Mrs. ROSSON?" Miss DOYLE replied, "Yes," to which COPLON answered, "But I must see them first." Miss DOYLE stated that there was no further conversation regarding these reports at that time.

Miss DOYLE stated that she continued to put the reports in the outgoing box and she, Miss DOYLE, told the messenger to deliver them to Miss COPLON, but evidently Miss COPLON must have spoken to the messenger herself to send the reports to her.

A few days after this, Mr. FOLEY again came to Miss DOYLE and said to send the reports to Mrs. ROSSON. Miss DOYLE stated that Miss COPLON made no further complaint. She does not know whether Miss COPLON saw the reports after Mrs. ROSSON had them.

Miss DOYLE stated that the above constituted the only personal contact she has had with COPLON, although she has been aware that Miss COPLON was in the office and in the Foreign Registration Act Section. Her desk was in another office, and Miss DOYLE stated that she attended to her own work and paid no attention to Miss COPLON. She claimed that she knew nothing about Miss COPLON, but considered her intelligent, vivacious and one who bore a good reputation in the Department. She advised that Miss COPLON dressed conservatively, lived within her means, and never borrowed any money.

Upon Miss COPLON's return from Europe, Miss DOYLE stated that Miss COPLON gave her, Miss DOYLE, and two other women in the Section, Mrs. LONGLEY and another woman, three identical sterling pins which Miss COPLON stated were purchased in Florence.

Miss DOYLE stated she had no further information to offer.

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Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

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The following investigation was conducted on March 8, 1949
by Special Agents Jack S. Turton and Donald D. Connors:

On March 8, 1949, [redacted] nee [redacted]
[redacted] nicknamed [redacted] was interviewed in the Washington Field Office.
[redacted] advised that she first met subject COPLON at Barnard College
in New York City in 1941 or 1942. [redacted] stated that she was a year
behind COPLON at Barnard College and that she, [redacted] left Barnard in 1943
to enter the Columbia University Law School. In 1945 [redacted] received
an LL. B. from Columbia and from latter 1945 until 1947 was a law clerk
for Justice JEROME FRANK in New York. [redacted] stated that she had
not seen COPLON from the time she, [redacted] left Barnard, until in the
late summer of 1947 at which time [redacted] met COPLON in a delicatessen
store in D. C. [redacted] advised that she had been in Washington only
a few weeks when she thus encountered COPLON. [redacted] states that
this meeting with COPLON probably occurred in August of 1947 and that
she and her husband entertained COPLON at their home several weeks later.
[redacted] stated that since this chance meeting with COPLON, she has
had lunch with COPLON perhaps five times and has talked with her perhaps
five times on the telephone and that this is the extent of her relation-
ship with COPLON.

[redacted] further advised that she has not seen COPLON
since COPLON returned from Europe and vaguely recalls that she last
saw COPLON in the early spring of 1948, probably in April or May.
[redacted] advised she knew COPLON made numerous trips to New York City
but she was of the opinion that COPLON made these trips in order to visit
her family.

[redacted] advised that she recalls SIBYL HARLEM, nee
SIBYL KOTKIN, a New York resident, was a close friend of COPLON while
both were at Barnard. [redacted] stated that she does not know this
individual's current address but believes that she resides in the vicinity
of W. 103rd and Central Park West, New York City. [redacted] advised
that while COPLON was at Barnard, she took an active part and was probably
the head of the Student War Board which organization coordinated student
activities on the campus and fostered the sale of war bonds.

[redacted] recalled that COPLON was acquainted with one
PHIL ELLMAN and thought that COPLON had gone out with ELLMAN on one
occasion. She was of the opinion, however, that COPLON did not like
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one [] also recalled that COPLON was acquainted with [] a Washington resident and classmate of COPLON's at Barnard."

[] said that COPLON talked little of her work at the Department of Justice. [] observed that she was shocked and amazed by the newspaper disclosures of COPLON's arrest.

With regard to one ~~MORTON POMERANZ (POMERANTZ)~~, [] stated she had been acquainted with him at Columbia Law School but could not recall whether he had been a friend of her brother's or an acquaintance of her own. She stated she does not know whether or not COPLON was acquainted with POMERANZ. She advised that she had seen POMERANZ only once since she has been in Washington and that one time about six months ago, she had met him on the street. [] advised she knew that POMERANZ had been in South America with the State Department.

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With reference to ~~FRANCINE TEMKO, nee SALZMAN~~, [] stated TEMKO had been a classmate of COPLON's at Barnard in the class of 1943 and that she is presently employed by the National Labor Relations Board. [] stated she does not know the extent of the relationship between TEMKO and COPLON at the present time.

[] was born in Bronx, New York City on []. She is currently employed on the legal staff of the Atomic Energy Commission and resides at 3363 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, with her husband who is employed on the legal staff of the Economic Cooperation Administration. [] and her husband were married in Brooklyn, New York on April 26, 1947.

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~~LOUIS EISENSTEIN~~
Attorney
Washington, D. C.

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On March 18, 1949, SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS interviewed LOUIS EISENSTEIN in his office at 1614 I Street, N. W., which is the law firm of RANDOLPH E. PAUL.

EISENSTEIN informed that he had met JUDITH COPLON on two occasions, the first of which was sometime during the summer of 1948 at Alfonso's Restaurant at 14th and I Streets, N. W. EISENSTEIN said that he was introduced to JUDITH COPLON by SIDNEY BERMAN. EISENSTEIN said that he was with BERMAN and COPLON for about one-half hour and during this time he gained the impression that she was a fairly intelligent individual, one whom he would describe as a very intense type of person, and he also learned that she was an analyst.

EISENSTEIN said that on the occasion of the second meeting, a cocktail party given by HELEN GRUNDSTEIN for SIDNEY BERMAN who was leaving the Department of Labor, he does not believe he spoke to COPLON more than once or twice and that they merely passed a few pleasantries.

EISENSTEIN stated that he has been quite friendly with BERMAN since he has been in Washington and that they went to the same law school together; however he did not know BERMAN until introduced by ALEX BOSKOFF, a former Department of Justice Attorney. According to EISENSTEIN, the cocktail party given by GRUNDSTEIN was at the Miramar, 1301 15th Street, N. W., and GRUNDSTEIN is a woman attorney in the Wage and Hour Division in the Department of Labor who was a colleague of BERMAN's. EISENSTEIN said that IRVING HERMAN, an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board; JOE STONE, roommate of BERMAN; GRUNDSTEIN, BERMAN and COPLON were the only ones that he could remember as being at the party. He said he and his wife, of course, were there. EISENSTEIN also said that he does not recall that COPLON was with anyone; that she arrived at the party alone, but he assumed that she had been invited through SIDNEY BERMAN.

LOUIS EISENSTEIN informed that he lived in New York prior to coming to Washington, D. C., in 1941, and that he had attended the Brooklyn Law School, engaged in the practice of law from 1938-1941 and also from February, 1940, to 1941 did research work for RANDOLPH PAUL. EISENSTEIN said in December, 1941, he went to work for the Treasury Department in the Office of Tax Legislative

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Counsel and that he was engaged in drafting tax laws for the Treasury Department. He resigned in October, 1945, and since that time has been engaged in the practice of Tax Law with the firm of RANDOLPH PAUL. He is married and resides at 4105 Russell Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland.

EISENSTEIN stated he did not know RONALD ~~MC~~ DONALD, LOUIS NEMZER,
[redacted] WILLIAM ~~FOLEY~~ or HAROLD SHAPIRO.

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BURK C. ~~ELBRICK~~
2137 R Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Employed, Army War College

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Mr. BURK C. ELBRICK was interviewed by Special Agent Edward F. Hummer and advised that he formerly occupied what is known as the Polish Desk in the Eastern European Affairs Division of the Department of State and representing the Department of State had occasion in the past to make telephonic contact with JUDITH COPLON in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. Mr. ELBRICK stated he has never met Miss COPLON in person and, therefore, does not know her personally, or any member of her family or any of her friends and associates. In fact, Mr. ELBRICK stated that since he only knew her name telephonically and phonetically, he assumed that it was spelled COPELAND and never knew to the contrary until the newspaper publicity in question gave him the correct spelling. Mr. ELBRICK further stated that Miss COPLON was most cooperative and asked for no information from him in return.

Mr. ELBRICK stated that the contacts with the Foreign Agents Registration Section had been going on for some time as he had previously been in contact with other persons in the section and when they resigned from the Department of Justice he was referred to Miss COPLON and continued the contacts with her. Mr. ELBRICK stated that the contacts with the Foreign Agents Registration Section pertained to getting the Department of Justice to compel various Polish nationals to register as foreign agents, especially the representatives of the Polish Information Center in New York City. Mr. ELBRICK stated that generally the State Department had no difficulty with the accredited representatives of the Polish Government, but had considerable difficulty with Polish nationals who came to the United States and who in unofficial capacities were visiting parts of the United States and refused to register as foreign agents. Mr. ELBRICK stated that it was the responsibility of the Department of Justice to see that these people registered and naturally he made numerous inquiries of Miss COPLON to ascertain their status. He stated that it was his impression that she did not defend these people for not registering and at all times assumed the proper American attitude. At no time did she belittle the State Department or defend the nationals for not registering; nor did she commend or criticize the registration statements when registration did take place. Mr. ELBRICK was positive in his statement that Miss COPLON asked no confidential information from him.

Mr. ELBRICK had no further information to offer.

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ULDA ELDRED
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. ULDA ELDRED, 1620 E Street, N.E., who is presently Mr. FOLEY's secretary in the Department of Justice, advised that she first met Miss COPLON shortly after August, 1945 in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department and that she saw Miss COPLON daily as the latter was an analyst. Mrs. ELDRED was secretary to the chief of the Section.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that she lunched with the subject a number of times. She advised that the closest friends of the subject in the Department were [redacted] who very frequently lunched with the subject; SIDNEY BRODIE, and a girl whose first name was GAIL.

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Mrs. ELDRED advised that she visited the subject on one occasion at her Tunlaw Road apartment. Present on this one occasion were ROSE FOX, now deceased; VERNA FISHER, now in the Anti-Trust Division; and herself.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that JUDITH COPLON was never at her home and the occasion above was the only time that she has visited the subject's apartment.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that the subject never mentioned boy-friends, but did mention occasionally having dates or going to concerts. She has been aware that recently the subject has been going with HAROLD SHAPIRO, which fact pleased everyone in the particular section as SHAPIRO was well liked. Mrs. ELDRED advised that Miss COPLON often took newspapers and magazines home with her and thinks that she might have taken work from the office, home. Mrs. ELDRED advised that on one occasion she herself, mentioned to the subject that it was not such a good idea to take reports home from the office and the subject replied, "Oh, it is all right." Mrs. ELDRED could not recall just what prompted this remark of hers, but stated it was shortly after the war and the office was more or less security conscious. Mrs. ELDRED advised that subject had access to practically all the FBI reports coming into the Foreign Agents Registration Section and from these reports, prepared data slips which were excerpts from the reports. These data slips, however, constituted a part of the Department's file.

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Mrs. ELDRED further advised that all analysts did the same thing at the time and these data slips were filed according to different breakdowns, such as nationalities, organizations, individuals, etc. Concerning the FBI reports in question, Mrs. ELDRED advised that they were kept overnight in cabinets which were not locked, but the rooms in which the cabinets were kept were locked.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that she could not recall the Subject's ever asking her to furnish confidential information; however, questions were often asked of one another in the section. Mrs. ELDRED advised that some FBI reports may not have come to Miss COPLON but went to Mr. LENVIN as they did not pertain to Miss COPLON's particular field of analyzing. Mrs. ELDRED advised that often Miss COPLON found these reports and at times asked her why she, Miss COPLON, did not get them.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject often prepared memoranda on information she received telephonically from the State Department concerning the Foreign Registration work. Mrs. ELDRED advised that at times Miss COPLON prepared a memorandum for the file requesting certain FBI reports by title. In most cases, Mr. LENVIN would take Miss COPLON's word that she needed the information and just occasionally might argue with her about it and very rarely would the two of them take the matter to Mr. FOLEY for a decision.

Concerning information which Miss COPLON received from the State Department, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the information was obtained mainly telephonically but, on occasions, was obtained through liaison. In connection with FBI reports, Mrs. ELDRED said that formerly, when the FARS had many employees, she had always received FBI reports first. She stated that although Miss COPLON was supposed to get only those reports having something to do with Foreign Agents Registration, she occasionally received reports which carried the FBI character of Internal Security-R or C. She stated that she could not, however, remember Miss COPLON's ever asking to receive all reports carrying the character of Internal Security-R.

Mrs. ELDRED did remember Miss COPLON's coming in her office several times and inquiring about incoming mail. She cannot remember,

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however, Miss COPLON's making any inquiries of other employees as to the nature of the work they were engaged in. She does recall, however, Miss COPLON's coming in and asking why she did not get the reports first, instead of Mr. LENVIN; however, Miss COPLON was aware of what Mr. LENVIN was doing at the time as LENVIN and COPLON shared the same room.

Concerning this arrangement, Mrs. ELDRED advised that COPLON did not like the presence of Mr. LENVIN in her room and she made several pointed remarks about this and the two of them were pretty "scrappy." Mrs. ELDRED attributed this at the time to a clash of personalities rather than a desire of Miss COPLON to be alone in an office. Later, [REDACTED] was placed in the same office with her, and she made no complaint whatsoever.

Mrs. ELDRED then commented that she read in the paper where other neighbors had complained of Miss COPLON's typing at night and stated that this was strange to her, Mrs. ELDRED, as Miss COPLON had often complained in the mornings that she could not sleep the night before due to someone typing in the building.

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Concerning the Subject's ability to type, Mrs. ELDRED advised that she knew that she owned a typewriter, and in the office, at times, Subject typed information appearing on the data slips; however, a Miss TAYLOR, [REDACTED] employed in the section, usually typed the slips.

Concerning the Subject's outside activities, hobbies, and interests, Mrs. ELDRED advised that COPLON was fond of dancing and attended a modern dancing school. Mrs. ELDRED described this particular dancing as not ballroom dancing; but (leaping through the air) like ballet. She advised that COPLON attended dancing school on Thursday nights, which was also the bowling nights of the boys in the office and she often made arrangements to meet together with the boys after bowling which coincided with the end of her dancing lesson.

Further, Miss COPLON was interested in photography and often talked about it and often engaged others in the Department in conversation, who were more or less amateur photographers. Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject took quite a few pictures in Europe and brought back many snapshots; that she owned an expensive leather-cased camera, the exact make of which Mrs. ELDRED did not know.

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Concerning her ambition in life, Mrs. ELDRED advised that COPLON often expressed a desire to go back to New York and did not intend to stay in Washington. At one time COPLON thought of becoming a lawyer and to this end registered in the George Washington night school. She later found out, however, that credits earned would not permit her to take the New York Bar so she gave it up and endeavored to secure a refund of her tuition.

Subject never mentioned getting married, settling down, and having a home. Only recently, Mr. SHAPIRO secured an apartment and sought COPLON's aid in decorating the apartment, picking out the paint, colors and the furniture.

Concerning Subject's family, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject mentioned her father as being "the Santa Claus of the Adirondacks." Mrs. ELDRED has never met the Subject's mother, father or brother.

Concerning the Subject's trips to New York, Mrs. ELDRED advised that Subject did not go to New York every weekend, but made the trip approximately every two weeks or at least twice a month. As far as she knows, the purpose was to visit the Subject's family or take in a show. Generally, the Subject took the one o'clock train or the Congressional Limited at 4:00 P.M. and usually returned to Washington on Sunday nights.

Concerning the Subject's trip to Europe, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the trip seemed rather sudden to her and she understood that Miss COPLON was supposed to go to Europe with a girlfriend, who, at the last minute, could not go, but Miss COPLON was determined on going anyway. Mrs. ELDRED advised, however, that the Subject did not want to talk about the trip too much, and she was gone longer than she expected to be. Mrs. ELDRED advised that Miss COPLON left in May and returned in July. She flew over by plane and came back by boat; however, the Subject had a round trip ticket by plane and only recently secured a refund of over \$300 from her unused plane ticket.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that it was her impression at the time that the Subject was going over to attend a girl's wedding and the girl in question being the one who was going to make the trip with Miss COPLON.

Mrs. ELDRED does not know of any friend of Miss COPLON's in Europe, and Miss COPLON never spoke of any. Concerning the trip, she advised that the Subject talked about the ride, the countries and the people in general with no reference to any specific person. Mrs. ELDRED advised that she was under the impression that part of the trip was a conducted tour.

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Mrs. ELDRED does not know which airplane the Subject took going to Europe or the tourist agency involved, but she does remember Subject's contacting the AA and for the last couple of months had been making inquiry concerning a refund on her unused return ticket by air.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that undoubtedly Mr. LENVIN would know more about this phase of the trip.

Concerning any gifts brought back by the Subject, Mrs. ELDRED advised that she brought her back a carved head which fits on the top of a wine bottle; also the Subject brought her back a bottle of Cognac which, however, went to someone else. Mrs. ELDRED advised, however, that she received some consolation because she tasted samples of Cognac received by other employees of this Department brought back by Subject.

Concerning the source of money for the cost of the trip, Mrs. ELDRED stated that she thought the cost came out of Subject's personal savings or Subject may have borrowed some of the money. Mrs. ELDRED assumed that Subject had a savings account and that she lived within her means, never went in for expensive clothes, wore inexpensive flat-heeled shoes. Further, she thought that Subject systematically purchased war bonds through the Payroll Reduction Plan. Subject had a P-3 rating receiving approximately \$4,300 per annum. Further, the Subject was not hard pressed financially and did not support her family and to Mrs. ELDRED's information had no outside income. She drank intoxicating liquors occasionally but not to excess.

Mrs. ELDRED has never heard the Subject mention having any relatives behind the Iron Curtain countries who could be threatened with extinction unless the Subject furnished information to Russia.

As far as she knew, Mrs. ELDRED stated that Subject never gambled and was not in debt or hard-pressed for funds.

Concerning the ideological motive as an excuse for Subject's actions, Mrs. ELDRED advised that Subject never mentioned politics and during the recent elections mentioned the fact that she was going to New York to vote but did not say for whom. Mrs. ELDRED stated it was her opinion that she was for TRUMAN.

Concerning her work in the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section, Mrs. ELDRED advised that Miss COPLON was instrumental in getting anti-Communist registrations from anti-Communist, White Russian groups and individuals

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such as ~~BAYDALAKOFF~~ and two Lithuanians who had underground connections in Europe. Often the Subject had to find out if the State Department had any objections to contacting persons or organizations to get them to register. As far as pro-Communist individuals and organizations were concerned, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject was for registering these persons and individuals.

Concerning topics of the day that would show her ideological sympathy toward Russia; such as the Baruch Plan on atomic energy, the National Plan, the Blockade of Berlin, Universal Military Training, the Atlantic Pact, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject had never mentioned these topics. Concerning ~~Antorg Corporations~~, Mrs. ELDRED advised that COPLON thought that they might be exempt under the Foreign Agents Registration Act because it was a commercial firm and not engaged in political activities and, further, that she had some doubts whether there was a foreign principal involved. Mrs. ELDRED advised that there was no discussion concerning Tass News Agency registration and their registration statement was quite complete as far as employees were concerned.

Mrs. ELDRED was asked whether Subject had ever commented on the newspaper writeup of the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings involving Miss BENTLEY and one CHAMBERS or the Senator FERGUSON hearing involving REMINGTON and the Grand Jury proceedings in New York, and Mrs. ELDRED advised that Miss COPLON laughed about these hearings and in a few remarks did ridicule them stating that it was all for publicity.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that Subject was acquainted with NORMAN BURLER who was identified in the House Committee hearings, and Miss COPLON made the statement one day that he seemed to be such a meek and mild person that she did not see how he could do the things that were attributed to him. Her general attitude was that case hearings were ridiculous and could not be true.

Mrs. ELDRED never observed the Subject clipping the newspaper accounts of these Congressional hearings, although Subject constantly clipped information in the papers pertaining to Foreign Agents.

Concerning her moral reputation, Mrs. ELDRED stated that as far as she knew it was good and, further, that she thought the Subject had enough intestinal fortitude and backbone to resist a bribe to furnish information to unauthorized persons and if such an offer were made, that the

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Subject would undoubtedly report it to the proper authorities. The same would apply to a blackmail threat involving the Subject in a compromising position, and the Subject would have reported it to the authorities rather than go through with the blackmail. Mrs. ELDRED advised that she based this opinion on the fact that Subject was not easily swayed, made up her own mind, stuck to her own opinions, and was very "scrappy" at times. Further, Subject had a temper which was not extreme, however, and knew how to handle herself pretty well. She never knew the Subject to become involved in any affair with a married man. In this respect, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject lived alone but did not know why, other than the fact that Subject studied at night in a graduate school. Subject did not at any time seek the opportunity to room with other girls. As far as her purpose in continuing her education working toward a Master's Degree, Mrs. ELDRED advised that she thought the purpose was to better her position financially and to advance herself within the Federal service.

She advised that the Subject read newspapers constantly, but on the other hand never argued about current topics, but, further, that she did not seem to avoid controversial subjects.

Concerning the ALGER HISS expose in the paper, Mrs. ELDRED advised that Subject looked upon this as "just another pumpkin" and a "wild goose chase." Subject never took the ALGER HISS expose seriously. She favored the United Nations, but never mentioned the Russian Veto question.

Mrs. ELDRED was asked if she could furnish any motive for the Subject's actions, assuming that the newspaper accounts were true and she replied that she could not see a single motive for the Subject's actions; that Subject was neversore on the world, or antagonistic to the United States foreign policy. There was absolutely nothing to make her suspicious of the Subject.

Concerning the usual conversation between the two of them, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the two of them usually talked shop and never mentioned anything about her, the Subject's, outside life. Mrs. ELDRED knows, however, that the Subject kept up with her Barnard College classmates and attended Alumnae meetings. The fact that she was the only person not married within the Alumnae group did not worry her, and an old-maid status did not concern the Subject in the least.

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As far as Mrs. ELDRED knew, the Subject never mentioned having any friends within the UN Organization.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that concerning the trip to Europe, Subject did want to go to Russia as the Subject made the statement to her on occasion that she wanted to know what the country was like, what the people were like in Russia; that the Subject went so far as to secure a Russian visa, but the fact that the visa would cost \$12.00 and other fees totaling \$25.00 seemed to dissuade her in making further efforts.

Concerning her most recent trips to New York, Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject went to New York over the Inauguration weekend holiday, namely, January 20, 21, 22 and 23. Further, Mrs. ELDRED stated that over Washington's birthday, which came on Tuesday, Subject took Monday off on annual leave and came back to work Wednesday morning, February 23, and left again for New York two days later, Friday afternoon. When asked by Mrs. ELDRED why she did not take the whole week off, Subject replied that she wanted to save her annual leave for summer.

Concerning the motive that Subject needed or wanted money, Mrs. ELDRED advised that this was not likely as the Subject was not a miser, was free with her money and loaned small amounts from \$5 to \$10 to other employees in the Department to tide them over until payday.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that recently the Department received a letter from VICTOR PERLO, well-known to the Bureau, who wrote in stating that he was going to act as an Agent for an unnamed delegate to the UN and requested information whether he should register or be required to register under the Foreign Registration Act. She advised that the Department answered PERLO that from the facts given him in his letter he would be given a 3-D classification, which is a commercial exemption, and he did not have to register as long as he did not engage in any political activity. Mrs. ELDRED advised that Mr. LENVIN made the final decision in this letter and that the Subject did not agree with it.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that as far as the Foreign Agents Section was concerned, the Section made its own decisions unless something was very hot, in which case it might go through ALEX CAMPBELL, Head of the Criminal Division of which the Foreign Agents Registration is only a section.

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Occasionally letters have gone out of the department over the signature of PEYTON FORD; otherwise, all letters from the Foreign Registration Act Section went out under the signature of Mr. FOLEY.

Regarding recent controversy over registration of representatives in this country representing Israel, Mrs. ELDRED advised that Mr. PEYTON FORD generally signed those letters.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject was not a religious person, did not attend to her religious duties and did not take the high Jewish holidays off from work. Mrs. ELDRED does not know whether this is peculiar only to the Subject or whether it is the result of religious neglect on the part of her parents also. On the other hand, Mrs. ELDRED cannot state whether Subject is an atheist or agnostic. Mrs. ELDRED advised in this case that the Subject expressed a decided dislike to handling Foreign Agents Registration material for Israel and did not want to work in the Jewish field.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject handles Russian and Iron Curtain material and, only recently, Latin American matters. Concerning this field of work, Mrs. ELDRED stated she cannot say whether Miss COPLON asked for Russian and Iron Curtain matters or whether she just merely gravitated to it or fell heir to it; formerly, Mr. NEMZER had the Russian and Sattelite countries and since the Foreign Agents Registration Section has been materially cut down, the Section is now composed of Mr. LENVIN, herself, Mrs. ELDRED, Miss COPLON and, more recently, Mrs. ROSSON.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject cannot read Hebrew or Yiddish but could read and speak French and could read some Russian words, but Mrs. ELDRED does not know whether the Subject has studied the Russian language. Further, the Subject could read and translate Spanish.

Concerning her trip to New York on the occasion when Subject was subsequently arrested, Mrs. ELDRED advised that Miss COPLON made it known to all in the office that she was going to New York by holding up her little red bag and stating, "This is all I am taking with me." Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject took the 1:00 P.M. train to New York.

Concerning any other positions the Subject may have aspired to, Mrs. ELDRED advised that COPLON, on one occasion, stated that she could have had a position over at the State Department but did not want to make a transfer as when she did make a change it would be to go to New York.

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Mrs. ELDRED advised that [] transferred to the State Department and since his transfer he has come over occasionally, mainly, just for lunch and to renew acquaintances rather than make any trip on official business.

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Concerning the contact between COPLON and [] since the latter has been at the State Department, Mrs. ELDRED advised that COPLON has talked to him over the phone but she does not know who made the initial contact, whether it was [] or COPLON; that Miss COPLON would often call over to the State Department not only to [] but to other individuals and ask for information after which she would usually write a memo for the file pertaining to the information she secured.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Subject prepared memoranda on organizations which subsequently appeared on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. Mrs. ELDRED advised that this was a "hush hush" project in the Department and everyone working on the matter had to meet deadlines. Mrs. ELDRED did not know whether Subject prepared recommendations concerning Communist Party organizations and stated the usual procedure was to prepare memoranda first setting out the facts after a review of an FBI report on the organization and then make recommendations. Mrs. ELDRED advised that she did not know the Subject's views or recommendations in these cases and does not know whether Subject prepared memoranda only on Fascist magazines; Fascist or Nazis organizations, or Japanese organizations or whether she also prepared memoranda concerning the pro-Communist organizations. Mrs. ELDRED advised that Mr. FOLEY would know more about this matter in any event, Miss COPLON's recommendations were not final as there was a review of her recommendations and a higher body made the final recommendations.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that she could give no further information concerning the Subject not covered by this interview which lasted approximately two and a half hours.

Concerning her own background, Mrs. ELDRED advised that she entered Government service first with the Veterans Administration in 1931 and transferred to the Department of Justice the latter part of 1933 and has been continuously employed ever since.

Mrs. ELDRED advised that her husband, GEORGE D. ELDRED is a machinist employed at the Engineering Research Development Laboratory in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is a civilian. She and her husband resided at 1620 E Street, N. E.

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~~IRWIN FINE~~
1406 Hopkins Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
Office of International Trade

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Mr. IRWIN FINE, who is employed in the Office of International Trade, Room 3056, Department of Commerce Building, was interviewed on March 16, 1949. Mr. FINE at first advised that he was not acquainted with JUDITH COPLON; to his recollection he had never heard of her and he had never been in contact with her. However, he eventually recalled that several months ago, probably late December, 1948, he had been invited to attend a cocktail party which was sponsored by the Americans for Democratic Action.

He said that he was acquainted with Mr. HAROLD SHAPIRO, an Attorney in the Department of Justice, and that he stopped in to HAROLD SHAPIRO's apartment to request him to accompany him to the cocktail party. He said that when he arrived at Mr. SHAPIRO's apartment, there was a young lady present and that he had included her in the invitation. He said that they both accepted the invitation and that the young lady left the apartment to go to her place of residence, which he recalled as a girls' dormitory on Wisconsin Avenue.

He said that he then left SHAPIRO's apartment and later in the evening went to the cocktail party. Sometime after he had arrived at the party, SHAPIRO and the young lady appeared and were present at the party for about an hour.

He recalled very little of the girl's activity at the party except that she expressed dissatisfaction with her position in Washington and desired to find employment in New York City. He said she definitely impressed him as being unhappy. He could not recall the name of this girl but did recall that SHAPIRO referred to her later as "Judy." He described the young lady as being small, quiet, attractive, well-proportioned and very affable.

During the course of the interview, Mr. FINE came to the conclusion that this girl must have been JUDITH COPLON, since he recalled that Miss COPLON's address was listed in the newspaper accounts as being at McLean Gardens, which is on Wisconsin Avenue.

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Mr. FINE advised that he is quite well acquainted with HAROLD SHAPIRO since they were attorneys for the OPA, but he said that he has never heard SHAPIRO discuss Miss COPLON other than in the course of the usual comment as to her well being, in reply to Mr. FINE's inquiry.

Mr. FINE advised that he has never had any occasion to be in contact with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice and to his knowledge that office has never been in contact with him. He said he knows nothing of Miss COPLON's activities in the Department of Justice or of her duties in the FARA.

Mr. FINE advised that in the event he recalled any additional information concerning Miss COPLON he would immediately contact the Washington Field Office.

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~~DOROTHY FILLIUS~~
Internal Security Section
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Reference is made to the call from Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau on March 9, 1949 to the effect that information had been received from Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY of the Department that DOROTHY FILLIUS, who was associated with Mr. VICTOR C. WOERHEIDE, had some information relative to [redacted] a former employee of the Department who is now with the Army in Japan. Mr. FLETCHER stated that Miss FILLIUS at one time handled the "Paper Clip" Program, a confidential program which related to German scientists in the United States. Miss FILLIUS had reported that [redacted] on several occasions had come into her office and tried to read material dealing with the "Paper Clip" Program and it was necessary to be very pointed with her and to tell her to leave the material alone. [redacted] was described as an associate or friend of JUDITH COPLON.

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Accordingly, Miss DOROTHY FILLIUS was interviewed in the Washington Field Office on Friday, March 11, 1949 by SA EDWARD F. HUMMER. She advised that approximately July, 1948 she was given the assignment regarding the "Paper Clip" Project, which assignment consisted of reviewing the files and making recommendations. She was told to dictate to one stenographer assigned to her for that purpose, but she stated in the absence of the stenographer she often dictated to one of the girls in Mr. FOLEY's office. These recommendations, when transcribed and written up, were initialed by Mr. FOLEY and forwarded to Mr. PEYTON FORD. The work of the Department of Justice in this regard consisted of reading the FBI reports on individual German scientists brought over from Germany to this country and employed here either by the Army or the Navy Departments together with material furnished by the Army, and then determining whether or not these German scientists constituted a security risk. Miss FILLIUS stated she reviewed FBI reports to determine whether these scientists had any Communist sympathies or affiliations.

Accordingly, Miss FILLIUS stated she was assigned to Room 1333 in the Department, which at the same time was shared by Mrs. ROSSON and BARTHOLOMEW COYNE. Room 1333 was also the library for the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division and there were numerous attorneys in the Criminal Section who entered this room and made use of the library facilities. On occasions, due to lack of desk space, individuals would set down law books on Miss FILLIUS' desk.

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Miss FILLIUS stated that she was assigned to the "Paper Clip" Project from July until September, 1948, at which time she was sent to Los Angeles to handle the Grand Jury phase of the investigation of TOKYO ROSE. When she left for Los Angeles, the "Paper Clip" Project was given back to Mr. FOLEY, the head of the section, and he in turn immediately assigned this confidential work to Mr. HAL KOFFSKY. Miss FILLIUS stated that the files in question were considered confidential and were locked up in a file cabinet in Mr. FOLEY's room which room was locked at night.

During the time Miss FILLIUS had charge of this particular phase of the work, she advised that [] a well respected and well thought of attorney in the Appellate Section of the Criminal Division, had occasion to secure law books in connection with her appellate work. [] wrote briefs and occupied Room 1335, the next room. Miss FILLIUS stated that on one occasion [] asked Miss FILLIUS about the nature of her work and what she was doing. Miss FILLIUS replied generally, "I have a confidential assignment for the Internal Security Section." Miss FILLIUS stated that generally every attorney in the Appellate Section knew the nature of the work of other persons in that section and the names of the various cases and she does not now consider it unusual for [] to ask this question in view of the fact that she, Miss FILLIUS, while occupying room space in the Appellate Section, did not work for the Appellate Section, but was employed in the Internal Security Section. On this one occasion, Miss FILLIUS stated that [] took books from the library shelves and placed them on her desk, sat down at a corner of the desk, and proceeded to turn the papers in the "Paper Clip" Project toward her, [] and proceeded to read them. Miss FILLIUS stated she immediately took the papers away from [] with the curt admonition that the matter was confidential. This happened on two occasions. On the third occasion, Miss FILLIUS stated [] leaned on her desk, turned the papers toward her and started reading the information therein. Miss FILLIUS stated she immediately told [] "I told you before I wish you would not do this!" [] replied, "Well, if that's the way you feel about it, all well and good." Thereupon Miss FILLIUS stated she had a heated exchange of words with [] Miss FILLIUS stated that both Mrs. ROSSON and Mr. COYNE were in the room at the time and overheard the conversation and after [] left the room, commented to her, Miss FILLIUS, that she was rather rough on [] Miss FILLIUS stated that Miss KLEIN made no notes and did not have an opportunity to read enough of the material to give an overall picture of the "Paper Clip" Project. Miss FILLIUS further stated that it is her recollection that the material which [] read was more or less a form memorandum dictated by her, Miss FILLIUS, which

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reviewed the FBI reports and other material and then made recommendations regarding the German scientists as security risks. The memorandum was on the usual Government form and was addressed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and bore the particular subject of the name of the German scientist. It is here noted that these investigations in the Bureau are entitled first with the name of the German scientist, followed by "Special Inquiry - Department of Justice, German Scientists Under the Protective Custody and Control of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency."

Miss FILLIUS stated that assuming [] succeeded in reading at most a paragraph in her memorandum and further succeeded in reading the name of a German scientist, this information would not give her any inkling as to where this scientist would be located in the United States or where he was employed or upon what project, it would merely be a name. It is her further opinion upon recollection, that she, Miss FILLIUS, took the papers away from [] so quickly that [] did not receive any information which would be of value. Miss FILLIUS stated, however, that naturally the names of German scientists working in the United States would be of particular value to the Russians, yet she doubts very much whether [] ever saw at most more than one or two names, if she saw that many.

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Miss FILLIUS further stated that she never observed [] to be nosy or pry into the affairs of other persons in the section.

Concerning the background of [] Miss FILLIUS stated that [] came to work for the Department of Justice from the OPA, and she believes her family came from Boston. She further described [] as an intellectual person and a well qualified lawyer. She left the Department of Justice to go with the Army in Japan, in what was considered a promotion for her. Miss FILLIUS stated that she did not pay particular attention to the incidents related herein until she read about the COPLON matter in the newspaper and had been informed by one person that [] was a friend or associate of Miss COPLON.

Mr. CARROLL HAWKINS
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

On March 14, 1949, Mr. CARROLL HAWKINS, Chief of the Social and Cultural Affairs Branch of the Division of International and Functional Intelligence of the Department of State, was interviewed by SA LYNN W. BEDFORD. HAWKINS advised that he was the immediate superior of [] at the

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State Department and considered [] to be conservative, anti-Communist and a dependable employee. HAWKINS related that he did not know JUDITH COPLON and did not know at first that [] was a friend of hers. HAWKINS stated that he joked with [] about the company he was associating with shortly after COPLON's arrest and [] was shocked, surprised and greatly upset. He stated that [] was worried about his job due to his relationship with COPLON. HAWKINS stated that he has been watching [] since COPLON's arrest and has observed nothing out of the way.

HAWKINS stated that [] was a closer friend of LOU NEMZER than COPLON, and LOU NEMZER was anti-Communist. He stated that NEMZER was presently at Ohio State University and had just finished a 300-page book against Communism.

MARY M. HAWKINS
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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On March 21, 1949, Special Agents WILLIAM J. KLIMA and CHARLES D. CHAPMAN interviewed Mrs. MARY M. HAWKINS, 3711 Kansas Avenue, N.W., employed in the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, at the Washington Field Office, at which time she stated that she formerly had been employed as a stenographer to JUDITH COPLON. She stated that she worked for Miss COPLON for approximately two years prior to November 1, 1948. Mrs. HAWKINS stated that most of her work for Miss COPLON consisted of typing data slips containing information from FBI reports. She stated that Miss COPLON would read these reports, evaluate the material in them and make conclusions and recommendations to the attorneys of the Division for their assistance in handling the cases. She stated, without being able to give specific instances, that in some cases she could not agree with the conclusions reached by Miss COPLON. She stated that due to the volume of work it was not possible for her to recall any particular instance in which this situation arose. Mrs. HAWKINS stated that on a few occasions Miss COPLON asked her to make more copies of data slips than were required or were usual in such cases; however, she does not know the purpose behind Miss COPLON's request for these copies.

Mrs. HAWKINS stated that she had no social association with Miss COPLON and that her knowledge of Miss COPLON was limited to their brief contacts in the office. She stated that in her opinion she had always considered Miss COPLON to be a fine young lady, and had never had any reason to question her loyalty.

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[redacted]
Washington, D. C.
Teacher, Surrattsville High School
Clinton, Maryland

Miss [redacted] was interviewed at her residence by Special Agents STANLEY T. BLASZEK and JOHN E. HOWARD.

[redacted] was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on [redacted]. Her mother's maiden name was [redacted] and her father's name was [redacted]. They presently reside at [redacted] New York City. [redacted] attended public schools in New Jersey and graduated from Upper Montclair State Teachers College in 1936. Between 1936 and 1944 she was employed as a school teacher at Palisades Park Junior High School in New Jersey. In November, 1944 the Civil Service Commission in New York City recommended her for employment with the Department of Justice and she was subsequently employed by that agency in New York City as a clerk-stenographer, War Division, Economic Warfare Section. Her immediate superior in this employment was PAULINE BRAVER, nee HARGIN. [redacted] recalled that she worked in the same section with Miss COPLON, and that her only contact with COPLON was at work. She recalled the names of other girls employed in the same section as SARAH BECKER; SHIRLEY ARONOW; [redacted] BIANCA ROESTI; and [redacted]. She stated that she continued employment in this section until the Economic Warfare Section was closed and she was transferred to the War Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., early in July, 1945.

While employed in New York City and by the Palisades Park Junior High School, [redacted] resided at the following addresses in New York City:

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She stated that PAULINE BRAVER, [redacted] CHARLOTTE TURNER, and SARAH BECKER were transferred to Washington, D. C., around the same time that she was transferred, and that when she, [redacted] came to Washington, D.C., she obtained an apartment almost immediately at [redacted] Arlington, Virginia. She shared an apartment with PAULINE BRAVER, [redacted] and CHARLOTTE TURNER. She stated that she was aware that COPLON had previously been transferred to Washington, D. C., and shortly after their arrival, one of the girls probably contacted COPLON. To the best of her

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recollection, it was probably PAULINE BRAVER, who presently resides at 305 West 52nd Street, New York City, who made the contact with COPLON. She stated that BRAVER subsequently went to Germany with the Department of Justice around February, 1946, where she stayed for approximately six months, and upon returning to this country, resigned almost immediately.

Concerning [redacted] stated that she resigned from the Department of Justice and went to work for the Treasury Department shortly after her arrival in Washington, D. C. She recalled too that [redacted] later went to Germany with the War Department under the Decartelization Program and that she stayed there for approximately one year. At the present time she recalled that [redacted] is employed by JAMES MARTIN, who was former head of the War Division, Department of Justice, in Annapolis, Maryland.

Regarding CHARLOTTE TURNER, [redacted] stated that she was employed by the War Division, Department of Justice, until about the fall of 1948. At the present time she is employed at the National Headquarters of the CIO on Jackson Place, and that her boss is TOM HARRIS, who was also her boss while she was employed by the War Division, Department of Justice.

In Washington, D. C., [redacted] resided at the following addresses:

[redacted] where she shared an apartment with [redacted] CHARLOTTE TURNER, and [redacted] JOSEPH HEBARD.

[redacted] where she shared an apartment with [redacted] and [redacted] JOSEPHINE HEBARD.

In December, 1947, she moved with [redacted] to [redacted]

At the present time, she is employed as a teacher in the Surrattsville High School in Clinton, Maryland, and this employment commenced in September, 1947.

[redacted] stated that she was a close associate of JUDITH COPLON and that they frequently lunched together or went cycling or listened to BURL INES recordings either at her own or at COPLON's residence. She stated she has visited COPLON on past occasion while COPLON resided on Tunlaw Road.

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She recalled that she, with other girls, helped COPLON move from Tunlaw Road to her residence at McLean Gardens, and that she, [] still has some things that belong to COPLON. [] recalled that during the summer of 1947 COPLON asked [] to stop by a residence of a boy friend of hers, COPLON's, who resided in the vicinity of 14th and R Streets, N.W. She recalled that COPLON attended classes with this individual and that he was an English major at American University. She recalled that COPLON went with him to hear the Budapest String Quartet at the Library of Congress, and recalled seeing him with COPLON. She recalled only that he was tall; thin and blondish. Through hearsay, [] learned that COPLON had a boy friend in New York who was in the service, probably stationed in Greenland. [] recalled that COPLON had dates with other boys and she was not aware of their identities. She also recalled that COPLON told her that her aunt in New York, probably COPLON's mother's sister, frequently arranged dates for COPLON in New York.

Concerning COPLON's trip to Europe, [] stated that COPLON had always expressed a desire to visit Europe, particularly France. She learned through COPLON that the latter had a girl friend who was employed by the American Embassy in Paris. COPLON mentioned to [] that she enjoyed Italy particularly and spoke of taking a trip through southern France and mentioning that she had met a young man, who, [] recalls, was either American or English, with whom COPLON spent considerable time. COPLON indicated that she did not see her girl friend at the American Embassy in Paris inasmuch as she had expected to see her. She spoke highly of a professor at the University of Sorbonne in Paris but did not recall what COPLON said about him other than she was impressed. [] related that she has seen COPLON once since her return from this trip and that this was some time during August, 1948. However, she has been in frequent contact with COPLON by phone.

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Concerning the activity in which COPLON was allegedly engaged, [] stated that when she first heard of it she considered it a frameup and that COPLON was used as bait to trap the Russians. She stated that she also considered the possibility that the Russians may have been bribing COPLON for some unknown reason. In retrospect [] recalled that COPLON had often mentioned to her that she, in order to be current in her work, had taken her work home with her. In retrospect, she recalled that COPLON sometimes called her on the telephone and read something to her in French desiring her opinion as to the correct translation of the material. [] stated that she felt that COPLON was inclined to be a liberal in that she like herself felt it was not wrong to subscribe to or read the magazine "In Fact" edited by GEORGE SELDES, and like herself was concerned about civil rights,

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fair employment practices and other legislation in favor of minority groups. She recalled that COPLON disliked the loyalty program stating that there not enough Communists in the Government to do any harm. COPLON on one occasion told SARAH BECKER or [] to tell JOSEPHINE HEBARD that she would not telephone JOSEPHINE HEBARD at her office any more because she, JOSEPHINE, was employed by Congressman MARCANTONIO. [] stated that COPLON felt that there could be peace between Russia and the United States and frequently expressed the opinion that the United States should cooperate. [] recalled that at no time did COPLON indicate through her conversation or through her actions that she favored the Russian form of government or would become involved in any activities as she has allegedly become involved in.

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During the latter part of the interview, JOSEPHINE HEBARD, who has not been as well acquainted with COPLON as has [] was present but could furnish no information of interest to this inquiry.

~~DOUGLAS HECK~~
~~ARNOLD B. ANDERSON~~
Department of State

On March 10, 1949, Special Agents STEPHAN A. SMITH and LEWIS E. GLENN interviewed Mr. DOUGLAS HECK, Assistant Chief, Division of Biographic information, and Mr. ARNOLD B. ANDERSON, Chief, Central European Section, Division of Biographic information, in Mr. HECK's office at the State Department, Room 317, Annex Number 1.

Mr. ANDERSON advised that on February 21, 1949, COPLON contacted him by telephone and identified herself as being with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, Telephone Extension 163. She requested Mr. ANDERSON to furnish her with background information concerning the case of ~~AXEL WENNER-GREN~~, including when he was placed on the black list, the reason therefor, and the status of the case at the present time. Mr. ANDERSON stated in view of the fact that COPLON had identified herself as being with the Foreign Agents Registration Section, he could not readily discern the connection which that section would have with ~~WENNER-GREN~~, and he, therefore, inquired of Miss COPLON what the connection was. She replied she was securing the information for another individual, and that she would have to look through her files in order to answer his question. She indicated to Mr. ANDERSON that the information was not for the benefit of the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

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Mr. ANDERSON did not furnish her with any information at that time, but advised her it was a rather complicated case and would require a little time. It should be noted that Mr. ANDERSON did not furnish Miss COPLON with information at any time. Mr. ANDERSON went on to say that he then called Mr. HECK, his superior, who recalled that approximately one year ago a request for information concerning the WALLENBERG Banking Interest had been received from the Justice Department. It was Mr. HECK's recollection this request had been received through a Mr. GOLDSMITH at the Justice Department. Mr. HECK thought perhaps this request from COPLON might have some connection with the previous request. He, therefore, contacted Mr. GOLDSMITH and inquired if the latter was aware of any request which the Justice Department had recently made concerning WENNER-GREN. Mr. HECK stated after some inquiry by Mr. GOLDSMITH he advised as far as he could determine no such request had been made through his office. Mr. HECK then advised Mr. ANDERSON to tell COPLON that if her request were to be complied with it would have to be made in writing and submitted through the proper channels. On February 24, 1949, Mr. ANDERSON so informed COPLON, at which time he suggested that the person for whom she was requesting this information submit a formal request. COPLON told ANDERSON she doubted that this individual would desire to go through all this procedure and would undoubtedly be able to secure this information through another source.

Mr. ANDERSON could recall no contacts with COPLON other than those made via the telephone in connection with this matter. He stated he did not know her personally and was aware of no activity on her part of an espionage nature. Mr. HECK advised he had had no contact with COPLON and knew nothing concerning her activities.

IRVING M. ~~HERMAN~~
National Labor Relations Board
Washington, D. C.

On March 17, 1949, Mr. IRVING M. HERMAN, Attorney on the staff of the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, was interviewed at the Washington Field Office by Special Agents STEPHEN A. SMITH and LEWIS E. GLENN.

~~HERMAN~~ advised that he first heard of COPLON through SID S. BERNAN, a former fellow employee at the Labor Department. He stated that BERNAN had told him of COPLON and indicated to him at that time that he was dating COPLON. He stated that BERNAN mentioned her to him on two or three

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occasions and then approximately two months ago, he attended a party at the home of HELEN GRUNDSTEIN in Washington, D. C., at which COPLON was in attendance, accompanied by SID BERMAN. He stated that this party was given for SID BERMAN, who was leaving Washington. Mr. HERMAN advised that in his previous conversations with BERMAN concerning COPLON, BERMAN had told him that she was extremely interested in Shakespeare; therefore, at the above-mentioned party, HERMAN, who is also interested in Shakespeare, had a lengthy conversation with COPLON concerning this matter. HERMAN advised that he did not discuss anything else with COPLON.

HERMAN stated that he had been told by BERMAN that COPLON worked for the Justice Department but he was not familiar with her activities.

Mr. HERMAN advised that he recalled the following persons as being in attendance at this party: SID S. BERMAN, JUDITH COPLON, MORTON ~~X~~ LIFTON, an Attorney in the Justice Department, JOSEPH ~~X~~ STONE, an Attorney in the Labor Department, JEAN ~~X~~ CLEMENTS, an employee of the Labor Department, and her husband, ROBERT ~~X~~ CLEMENTS, who, HERMAN believes is an insurance man, LOUIS EISENSTEIN, an Attorney with the Randolph-Paul Law Firm, and Mrs. Louis ~~X~~ EISENSTEIN. As far as HERMAN knew, no one in attendance at the party was acquainted with COPLON, with the exception of BERMAN and STONE.

HERMAN advised that he was completely surprised when he read in the newspapers of COPLON's arrest and that prior to that time, he had no indication whatever that she was engaged in activities inimical to the best interests of this country. He stated that he had discussed the matter with JOSEPH STONE since COPLON's arrest and that STONE had also expressed surprise. Mr. HERMAN stated that he had seen COPLON only on the one occasion and that he had no other contact with her.

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Concerning himself, Mr. HERMAN advised that he resides with his wife, HAZEL, at 4690 B South 36th Street, Arlington, Virginia. He had been with the National Labor Relations Board since August, 1948, and prior to that time, he was employed in the Office of the Solicitor at the Labor Department from November, 1942 until August, 1948, with the exception of the time he spent in the United States Navy from approximately July, 1943 until February, 1946.

HERMAN also advised that BERMAN is a close friend of his.

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Washington Gas Light Company
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The following investigation was conducted on March 9 and 11, 1949 by Special Agent DONALD D. CONNORS:

On March 9, 1949, [redacted]
[redacted] Washington, D. C., was interviewed at the Washington Gas Light Company, 11th and G Streets, N.W., where she is employed as a Secretary. [redacted] advised that in the latter part of August, 1947 she had spent one week at Camp Letts located south of Annapolis. She recalled that she had been invited to this camp, which is operated by the Potomac Cooperative Federation, by SARAH and JIM McCORKLE, who reside at 2209 - 42nd Street, N.W., and who are long-time friends of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that JUDITH COPLON was staying at this camp when she, [redacted] arrived there, and that COPLON and [redacted] with about eight others, shared a cabin and took their meals together. [redacted] stated that she had no idea who had invited COPLON to this camp and volunteered the opinion that COPLON may have been a member of the Potomac Cooperative Federation. [redacted] recalled that during the week she was there subject COPLON invited a Negro girl to spend two days with them. [redacted] could not recall the name of this individual except that she had a vague recollection that this person's first name was ~~HESSIE~~. She believed this Negro to be from New York City.

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[redacted] observed that she had thought subject COPLON to be an intelligent well-read individual and it was [redacted] recollection that COPLON took an active part in swimming, canoeing, tennis, etc., while at Camp Letts. She stated that COPLON seemed to be fairly well acquainted with the following individuals: [redacted] supplied a camp mailing list which sets out the addresses appearing herein.)

Miss ANNE M. DAVIS, 4301 E. 4th Street, Arlington, Virginia;
BEN ROSENZWEIG, 4-E Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland;
Mr. GIRARD BYE, 35 No. 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
Mr. ROBERT S. BENJAMIN, 1813 - 16th Street, N.W., Apartment #103, Washington, D. C.;
Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD KRUSCHKA;
Miss MOLLIE PITMAN, 2009 Wyoming Avenue, N.W., Apartment #31, Washington, D.C.
Mr. STANLEY F. WALISZEK, 629 So. 24th Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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[] advised that she thought all of the individuals listed above, with the possible exception of ANNE DAVIS, had met COPLON for the first time at Camp Letts.

[] recalled that she and COPLON had returned to Washington on the same Sunday, perhaps the last Sunday in August, and that they both had been driven back to town by one IRVING HOFFMAN and Mr. ALEXANDER FARKAS. FARKAS resides at 1817 Decatur Street, N.W., Washington 11, D. C.

[] was unable to supply the address of IRVING HOFFMAN.

[] recalled that both HOFFMAN and FARKAS had spent the entire week at camp working on their automobile, and that she had simply a speaking acquaintance with these two individuals. [] was of the firm opinion that COPLON herself did not know these two men, but that during a meal either [] or COPLON had made a general remark to the effect that both of them were returning to Washington on the next Sunday, whereupon either HOFFMAN or FARKAS indicated that they too were returning on that date and to save COPLON and [] a bus ride, they would be glad to bring them back to Washington in their automobile.

[] recalled that she had seen COPLON only once since they returned to Washington, and that was perhaps a month after their return when she and COPLON prepared dinner for HOFFMAN and FARKAS to repay them for the ride back to Washington. [] recalled from the conversation she had at this time with subject COPLON that subject COPLON regarded this dinner as simply a debt of courtesy that she owed to HOFFMAN and FARKAS. [] advised that she has not seen HOFFMAN and FARKAS since this dinner. She is of the opinion that COPLON had no further acquaintance with them, but cannot, of course, be certain of this. [] stated that she did not know that COPLON worked in the Justice Department until she observed the story of COPLON's arrest in the newspapers.

On March 11, 1949, [] produced the list from which names and addresses appearing above are taken, and added that she recalled an individual, whom COPLON appeared to know fairly well at this camp. [] advised that to the best of her recollection this individual's name was BEN HERINSKY or HERSKY and she believed him to be from New York or New England. She recalled this individual was married and had one child, but inasmuch as the child was very young, he was at Camp Letts without his wife and child. [] could furnish no further information in this connection.

[] was born in Loudon County, Virginia, on [] She has been employed by the Washington Gas Light Company since June 2, 1941. From 1935 to 1941 she was employed by the Washington Association of Credit Men in the Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., by one A. L. BIRCH.

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In 1934 she was employed for four months at the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Her parents are her true parents and she has no step-parents.

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ALFRED EMMON HUDSON
3230 N Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Doris Mr. ALFRED EMMON HUDSON was interviewed in the Washington Field Office on March 17, 1949 by Special Agents EDWARD F. HUMMER and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL. HUDSON advised that he had first met JUDITH COPLON at a New Year's Eve party on December 31, 1947, held at the apartment of DORIS SEVIER, nee WRIGLEY, 1900 G Street, N.W. He stated that at that time, Miss WRIGLEY, who was not then married, [REDACTED] had introduced him to COPLON as her boss. He stated that there were approximately eight men and women in attendance at this party, but that the only ones he recalled were COPLON, WRIGLEY, and the latter's roommate, MARY LOUISE MANLEY. He stated that he had arrived at this party at about 11:08 P.M. and had left shortly after midnight in a cab, sharing it with Miss COPLON, someone having suggested that she be allowed to ride with him as she resided in the same neighborhood. He stated that at this time, he was living in the 4200 block of Benton Street, N.W. During the ride home, he recalled that COPLON had mentioned her attendance at law school indicating that she was somewhat dissatisfied with her school work and was toying with the idea of dropping the study of law. He said that he dropped the subject at the door of her apartment on Tunlaw Road. (S-1)(C)

Mr. HUDSON advised that he had next had contact with COPLON three or four months later, probably in April, 1948, when DORIS WRIGLEY mentioned to him that COPLON was planning to give up her apartment and suggested to him that he might be interested in taking it over. Shortly after this, on a Sunday afternoon, while taking a walk, he stopped at the subject's apartment to look at it, remaining for about fifteen minutes, during which time she served him a drink. He said that during this visit he came to no conclusion concerning the apartment but invited the subject to go for a walk with him, which invitation she declined. He said that a couple of days later he telephoned COPLON and told her that he could not afford the \$500 which she wanted for her furniture, the purchase of which was a prerequisite of renting the apartment.

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A short time later he learned from Miss WRIGLEY that COPLON intended making a trip to Europe in May of 1948, at which time he stated to WRIGLEY that he was sorry to hear that the subject was leaving as he would have enjoyed seeing more of her. He said that WRIGLEY a day or two later communicated his statement to COPLON and that a short time thereafter WRIGLEY advised him that COPLON had told her to furnish him with the name of [] [] also an employee of the Justice Department, as a girl who would be interested in going with him. He stated that Miss WRIGLEY had told him at this time that she, herself, had never met, and did not know []. According to HUDSON, he never contacted [] for the reason, as he explained it, that he was never in the mood.

HUDSON said that in August, 1948, COPLON telephoned him ostensibly for the purpose of asking about Miss WRIGLEY, mentioning that she had recently returned from her trip to Europe. He said that he advised the subject that Miss WRIGLEY had left his office in May, 1948, and that she had married a man by the name of LOU SEVIER, who was employed by the Department of State in the United States Consulate at Trieste, Italy. He said that during the course of this telephone conversation he suggested that they have dinner together and that the subject agreed, setting the date for several nights later. He recalled that he subsequently escorted COPLON to dinner on a Friday night at Aldo's Restaurant, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. He stated that during the course of this dinner, the subject discussed her trip abroad and stated that she had flown over and sailed back and that she had visited France, Switzerland, and Italy. He said that she had mentioned becoming friendly with a family in France, and with a foreign man with whom she spent some time in sightseeing, visiting art galleries and other places of interest. He stated that she had not been specific concerning these acquaintances and had mentioned no names to him. During the course of this dinner, she indicated to him that the customs and habits of European men were more attractive to her than those of American men, and explained to him that she had, while in Europe, formed the habit of drinking wine with her meals rather than cocktails, as this habit appeared more civilized to her.

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HUDSON advised that he had seen the subject once after this, around Thanksgiving of 1948. He stated that on this occasion he had called COPLON and invited her to dinner at his apartment, which invitation she accepted. He stated, however, that on the night of the dinner, she called to tell him that she was catching a cold and to ask him if she could decline his invitation. He stated that he then told her that he already had the dinner prepared and that he felt badly about her not being able to come, whereupon she suggested that if it were agreeable to him she would sent [] in her

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place. HUDSON at this time advised that he would rather that she, herself, come but if she felt that she could not make it, the other arrangement would be satisfactory. He said, however, that a short time later the subject called back to state that she was unable to get in touch with [] and that she would therefore come herself. He said that during the course of this dinner, she mentioned that she was becoming dissatisfied with living in Washington, although on previous occasions, she had told him that she enjoyed her work in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, and that she decided to obtain a job in New York. In this connection she asked him of the possibility of an opening with [] in New York City and he (S-1)(C) indicated that he could give her no information concerning the New York Office [] suggesting to her that she apply to the Personnel Office in Washington. He said that during this visit she talked of her family, mentioning to him the fact that her grandfather or great grandfather came to the United States in 1848, and that her family had lived in and around New York ever since. He said that she indicated considerable affection for her family and that he concluded that she evidently got along well with them. He stated that inasmuch as the subject was obviously coming down with a cold she expressed a desire to leave early and that he thereupon drove her to her residence at McLean Gardens. He said that some days later she telephoned him and advised that she had been to the Personnel Office of [] in Washington and had determined that no jobs were available.

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HUDSON went on to state that inasmuch as at the time of his last contact with her the subject had told him that she planned to leave Washington in December, 1948, or early in January of 1949, he telephoned her office for the purpose of inviting her to dinner before she left the city. He stated, however, that she was not in her office at that time but she later called back, at which time he was out, and left the message that she had returned his call. He stated, however, that something had come up and that he had not called her back to extend the invitation.

HUDSON stated that in his associations with COPLON, she had given him the impression of an interest in philosophical questions, art, music, and esthetics. He said that he did not recall her discussing any political questions, any controversial subjects or any political views. He said further that she had never indicated to him an interest in Russia or in Communism, stating that she particularly had an opportunity to mention the former, he having told her that he had some years previously visited Russia in connection with his interest and work in anthropology. He stated that she had never mentioned the names of any associates or acquaintances to him and that their only mutual friend was DORIS WRIGLEY, who, he understood, had attended Barnard College with COPLON and frequently visited her at the subject's Tunlaw Road apartment.

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HUDSON stated that he had no idea as to COPLON's motivation in having engaged in espionage activities and said that he was unable to account for her actions in this regard. He said that certainly she was not naive; that she was above average intelligence; and that she would have been completely aware of what she was doing. He said that he had been giving the matter some thought since he first read of the subject's arrest on March 4 and that he thought of the possibility that she was converted to Marxist ideology a long time ago, but added that if this were true, she certainly had kept it to herself as far as he was concerned. He said that this line of reasoning on his part was pure conjecture. He also offered the suggestion that perhaps a love affair in addition to her idealism could have accounted for her action. He stated that he did not believe she was the type who could have been forced into this type of activity against her will and said further that she had never given the impression that she was financially embarrassed.

In summing up his impressions of COPLON he said that he could best describe her as a restrained liberal, which impression he gained from her interest in modern dancing and heavy literature, and her awareness of current trends. He stated that he had only visited her apartment once, that being the time that he had gone to look it over to consider renting it, and that although the literature in her apartment had impressed him, he could not recall specifically what books or literature were there. He stated further that he recalled on one occasion that COPLON mentioned to him that she was going to New York for the weekend to see her parents.

Concerning himself, HUDSON advised that he was born February 14, 1904 in New York City. His parents were ALFRED W. HUDSON, born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and CLARA DOWD, born in Madison, Connecticut. He said that his father for a number of years was employed by the New York State Banking Department as a State Superintendent of Banks. He said that he attended Yale University from 1923 to 1927, at which time he received a B.S. Degree. In 1927 he and a classmate conducted an around-the-world travel school for boys after having succeeded in obtaining \$4,000 from the families of each of ten boys. He stated that in this connection the group left the United States in September, 1927, returning in June, 1928. Thereafter in 1928, he became employed by the Lazard Freres Banking concern in New York, resigning after a few months by telegram, after having left the office for lunch. After this he obtained a job tutoring the son of BAYARD DOMINICK, head of the New York City brokerage firm of DOMINIC and DOMINIC. In the fall of 1929, he returned to the graduate school at Yale University where he remained until 1940, after which he secured a position with the

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Bishop Museum in Honolulu, being stationed on the outlying islands. He stated that in 1932, in Hawaii, he married ELIZABETH BACON, born July 29, 1904, in Whittier, California, and both returned to New Haven to continue working in the Yale University graduate school during the 1932-1933 term. In 1933, he was given a fellowship from Yale University for Social Anthropological Field Work in Central Asia. He explained that his interests lay in the Turkestan and Mongolian tribes of central Asia and that the only way to reach them was through China or the Soviet Union. Inasmuch as the China route required a three months trip by camel, the approach to these tribes was made from the Russian side. He stated that he had letters of introduction to the Russian Academy of Science in Leningrad, but that the Russians were very reluctant to cooperate because of their suspicion of foreigners, which necessitated his spending six months in Leningrad and Moscow before gaining permission to continue into Central Asia. He stated that his wife accompanied him on this expedition, which took place during 1933 and 1934, both of them returning to continue graduate work at Yale University during the 1934-1935 term. During 1935 and 1936, HUDSON returned to Asia to continue his work, his wife this time remaining in New Haven to continue her graduate work. He returned to New Haven in 1936, attending the 1936-1937 term of the Yale graduate school, writing up during this period the results of his studies among the remote tribes of central Asia. This work was published by the Yale University Publications in Anthropology, No. 20, Yale University Press, 1937, under the title "Cazak Social Structure" by ALFRED EIMMON HUDSON, after which he received his Ph.D. in Anthropology. During the 1937-1938 term, HUDSON was employed as an instructor in research work by Yale University. In 1938 he received another fellowship from Yale University, supplemented by grants from the American Social Science Committee, the American Counsel of Learned Societies and the American Philosophical Society, and went to Iran and Afghanistan to continue his study of tribal customs. He stated that at this time it was impossible to gain access to the previously visited tribes because the Russian borders were closed to foreigners and that the Iran and Afghanistan tribes were chosen because of their similarity to the Soviet tribes. He stated that while studying these tribes, war in Europe broke out, and that in 1939 he therefore took a ship from Calcutta, India, traveling around the Cape of Good Hope, and returned to the United States, docking at Savannah, Georgia, in December of 1939. He stated that from then until September of 1940, he spent his time writing up material that he obtained concerning these uncivilized tribes. From September, 1940 to June, 1942, he was employed as a teacher of Anthropology at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. In July, 1942, he became employed as a civilian with G-2 in Washington, D. C., his wife at this time staying in

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Seattle, Washington, and taking over his teaching post. He was commissioned a Captain in the United States Army Air Corps in April, 1943, and was engaged in research work on the remote outposts of the world. During his career with the Army, he was stationed for a short period of time at the Proving Ground Command, England Field, Florida, after which he returned to Washington as the liaison man from that command. In June, 1944 he was transferred to the [redacted] and was sent to the middle west where he remained until September of 1946, after which he returned to Washington and was discharged from the Army. [redacted]

[redacted] In 1946 his wife returned to California to work on her Ph.D. Degree at the University of California. In the summer of 1948 she obtained a divorce from him in the Supreme Court of Alameda County, Oakland, California, and is presently teaching at U.C.L.A. He has one son, [redacted] presently attending the Putney School, Putney, Vermont. (S-1)(C)

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ELIZABETH G. JACKSON
State Department
Washington, D. C.

ELIZABETH G. JACKSON was interviewed by Special Agents LYNN W. BEDFORD and HOLLIS W. BOWERS at her residence, 2003 Kalorama Road, N.W., on March 8, 1949.

Mrs. JACKSON stated she did not know COPLON and had never been in contact with her over the telephone. Mrs. JACKSON related that she was in the B.I.O. section of the State Department, and handled information on Greece, Trans-Jordan, Palestine, and several other Near East Countries. She related that she talked to [redacted] at the Alien Registration Section of the Department of Justice about one year ago, and had made several other business calls prior to that date to [redacted]. Mrs. JACKSON said she has not talked to the Justice Department in six months.

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Mrs. ELIZABETH JACKSON stated that she has been with the State Department since May of 1946, and prior to that, made a trip to Greece from February 1946 to May 1946, for the State Department. She stated that she was with O.S.S. from October of 1944 until February, 1946, at Washington, D. C.; prior to this Mrs. JACKSON was at the University of Virginia working on her Doctor's Degree, and before that was a teacher at Sweetbriar College.

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VIRGINIA H. ~~JAMES~~
Department of State
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Mrs. VIRGINIA H. JAMES was interviewed in her office at Room 6182, State Department Building, on Wednesday, March 9, 1949, by Special Agent EDWARD F. HULLER, at which time Mrs. JAMES stated she has been employed in the Eastern European Affairs Section of the State Department since 1932. This Division is concerned with the affairs regarding Russia, Poland and countries now known as the Russian Satellite countries.

Mrs. JAMES stated that over the past year or two she has communicated telephonically with the subject approximately six times on the telephone. Mrs. JAMES stated she has never met the subject personally and knows of no outside activities or connections on her part. Mrs. JAMES further stated she has received several memorandums from the subject which she showed the interviewing agent. Mrs. JAMES stated she recalls in November, 1948, making a telephonic inquiry of Miss COPLON whether Tass News Agency, the official Russian Government news agency, and its employees had been registered for that year as foreign agents. Mrs. JAMES stated she may have asked Miss COPLON if certain people were registered also. Mrs. JAMES stated that Miss COPLON appeared to be very cooperative, intelligent, and her conversation with the subject on the telephone varied at times from just a few minutes to approximately one half-hour, or forty-five minutes in length. As far as she knew, the subject gave her full information in her possession regarding her inquiry and appeared to be very conscientious. In addition, the subject sent her memorandums confirming the previous telephonic contacts.

Regarding the Tass inquiry, Mrs. JAMES stated that the subject prepared a list of employees of Tass who had registered with them under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and told Mrs. JAMES of some of these employees and later switched from Tass to the Soviet Embassy itself, looking in the Soviet Information bulletin put out by the Embassy. In her last conversation with the subject, which was sometime after January 15 of this year, she asked the subject whether Tass News Agency had filed a new statement for the year of 1949, and made some statement to Miss COPLON that undoubtedly their statements would be filed late. Miss COPLON on this occasion stated that this was not true, that the Russians were very good in filing their statements on time and statements were most thorough, being more thorough and prompt than statements filed by other nations such as the British

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and the Czechs. Mrs. JAMES stated that this statement sort of puzzled her as it was contrary to the Russian policy regarding the State Department as the State Department's experience is that the Russians are not prompt in filing their PRL forms and it is often necessary for the State Department to ask the Russian Embassy to get in those forms immediately.

Mrs. JAMES cannot recall subject specifically asking her for information, although these half-hour conversations with her undoubtedly consisted of talking about Tass and other subjects at hand. She definitely stated that subject never made a statement to the effect, "Now I have given you information, you help me." Mrs. JAMES stated that any similar statement like that would have been remembered by her for it would have been significant enough to cause her to suspect the subject. Mrs. JAMES had no further information to give regarding the subject.

WALTER E. JESSOP
State Department
Washington, D. C.

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On March 21, 1949, Mr. WALTER E. JESSOP, Room 507, Division of Security, State Department, 515 - 22nd Street, N.W., was interviewed by Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS. He advised that in 1944 and 1945, he was Administrative Officer, Division of Foreign Activities Correlation, State Department, and in this connection stated that Miss MARTHA JANE CLAYPOOL, who was then in the Division, furnished him the name of two Justice Department girls who wanted jobs. JESSOP said that it occurred to him that one of these girls was JUDITH COPLON. According to JESSOP, CLAYPOOL is now employed by the [redacted] having worked for the State Department from 1945 until the latter part of 1947, at which time she left because of a reduction in force. Mr. JESSOP reiterated that he has had no contact with COPLON other than that mentioned above, and that he is not positive that it was JUDITH COPLON who was one of the two girls. (S-1)(C)

MORTON LIFTIN
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

An interview of the above captioned individual was conducted by Special Agents HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN and WILLIAM V. SLEVIN on March 17, 1949.

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Mr. MORTON LIFTIN, 706 North Wayne Street, Arlington, Virginia, who is employed as a Senior Attorney in the Department of Justice, Room 3523, advised that he has had one contact with JUDITH COPLON. He stated that several months ago a close friend of his, SIDNEY BERMAN, who had been employed as an Attorney by the United States Department of Labor, resigned his position and left Washington for New York, where he intended to enter private practice of law. At that time Miss HELEN GRUNSTEIN had given a farewell party for Mr. BERMAN, at which party Mr. LIFTIN had been in attendance. He said that it was a very small group consisting of probably twelve people, most of whom were former associates of Mr. BERMAN in the Department of Labor. He recalled that there were three individuals at the party who were unknown to him at that time and that subsequent to Miss COPLON's arrest several of his friends had advised him that one of these strangers was JUDITH COPLON. After having received this information he recalled that JUDITH COPLON was the girl who had apparently come with Mr. BERMAN or who was at least considered to be his date for the evening.

He was not aware of the extent of this association between Miss COPLON and BERMAN, but he was led to believe by the other individuals at the party that their acquaintance was very casual.

Mr. LIFTIN stated that he was positive that this is the only time that he has ever come in contact with Miss COPLON.

He said that he is not at all familiar with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice and he has never had any occasion to be in contact with that office.

He advised that he does not know of any individual in Washington or elsewhere that is acquainted with Miss COPLON.

In recalling Miss COPLON's activities at the party, Mr. LIFTIN advised that she kept to herself, was very uncommunicative and impressed him as being unhappy. He said that she had not appeared to enter into the spirit of the party and made no comments to him or which were overheard by him concerning any phase of her work or which he would consider to have any bearing on the current investigation. He could, in fact, recall nothing of her conversation during that evening.

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On March 15, 1949, Special Agents STANLEY T. BLASZEK and JOHN E. HOWARD interviewed [redacted] at the Washington Field Office. [redacted] advised that she was born in New York City in [redacted] she attended grade and high school in New York City. She attended Hunter College from which institution she graduated in 1941, she later took a course in Stenography at night school in New York City. Prior to going to work for the Department of Justice, she worked for patent attorneys in New York City, where she did secretarial work and the translation of French.

She procured her employment with the Department of Justice through a chance acquaintance with a young lady, who was employed at the Department and with whom she rode to work on the subway. This person told her that the Department of Justice needed help and as she was not well satisfied with her employment, she made inquiries at the Department of Justice in New York, as a result of which she was employed by the Anti-Trust Division. She, subsequently was loaned to the War Division of the Department by the Anti-Trust Division for the purpose of doing French translation. There was an attempt, at about this time, to have [redacted] transferred from the Anti-Trust Division to the War Division. The person mainly interested in having this transfer made was BOB WOHLFORTH. While on loan to the War Division, [redacted] worked mainly for ALEX SACHS, who was working on banks and for BOB WOHLFORTH, who was handling reports. The only work she ever did for NORMAN BURLER was in connection with some books that he sent from Washington to New York, which books were in French and on which he wanted her to do some reference work.

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[redacted] first met JUDY COPLON after she was on loan to the War Division of the Department. COPLON had been hired along with five or six other girls from Barnard College as a P-1. Several of the men in the office felt that [redacted] should also be a P-1, as she was doing work similar to that for which these girls had been hired. As well as [redacted] can recall, this group that was hired consisted of JUDITH COPLON, SHIRLEY ARANOW, [redacted] SARAH BECKER, and BLANCA ROESTI (came from Oberlien College). CHARLOTTE TURNER was already working in the War Division of the Department at this time.

[redacted] states that at this time, COPLON was acquainted with all of the girls just mentioned. COPLON was particularly friendly with SHIRLEY ARANOW and another girl, not in the office, but with whom she had

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gone to school at Barnard. [] did not know the name of this girl, but knew that she was now married and had recently had a baby. It is her belief that this girl lives in New York.

[] stated that she, personally, had liked JUDITH COPLON, had found her to be a frank and honest person, although somewhat brusque and blunt. [] states that she never went to JUDITH COPLON'S home. She did go on a skating party on one occasion with SHIRLEY ARANOW, on which occasion, she went to SHIRLEY'S home. As she now recalls, COPLON may have been along on this skating party. [] expressed the opinion that none in the office knew much about COPLON, as she was not the type of person to talk a great deal about herself. She states that she does not recall having ever met any of COPLON'S male friends.

[] advises that she transferred from New York to Washington, D. C., July 1, 1945. She came here with [] and CHARLOTTE TURNER. PAULINE MARGIN was already in Washington at this time. SHIRLEY ARANOW stayed in New York; [] stayed in New York; BIANCA ROESTI stayed in New York; SARAH BECKER had come to Washington, but not with the group that [] came here with. BIANCA is now married and her married name is BIANCA LORD. Her father, MAX, was a major, who, at the time, was overseas, and BIANCA lived with her mother in Greenwich Village. [] was last known to [] to be single, and living in New Jersey with her mother.

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After her transfer to Washington, [] saw JUDITH COPLON rather infrequently. JUDITH had quit the Department in New York and had come to Washington, where she was working in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department. [] worked in a different office from COPLON and had little opportunity to see her at work. She recalls seeing her one or two times for lunch and that COPLON came to Buckingham where [] was living, with [] and JOSEPHINE HEBARD. She recalls that while in Buckingham, COPLON went bike riding with [] JOSEPHINE, and herself, on one occasion. She probably visited there on one or two other occasions. [] does not know where COPLON was living in July 1945; the first place she lived with which [] is familiar, is the apartment on Tunlaw Road, at which place, she visited once with [] and JOSEPHINE.

[] stated she was with the War Division of Justice in Washington for about two months in 1945. This division then closed and she went with Foreign Fund Control, Treasury Department. She got this employment through a canvass of various agencies in Washington. She was mainly hired because she had previous experience along the line in which they were interested. She then went to the Office of Alien Property, Custodian, working there about one year, for SAM EFFRIN and BILL BLACKWELL. She then went to Germany with Decartelization. She procured this employment through JIM MARTIN, for whom she is presently working as a secretary. While in Germany, she knew MURRAY

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~~MURRAY~~ ~~FRIEDMAN~~, ~~CHARLES WALDMAN~~, ~~CHARLES DILLIE~~, ~~HARRY GABERMAN~~, ~~BETTY~~ and ~~KAY BEATTY~~, ~~FRANCES BUZIWITZ~~, ~~HAWKINS~~, ~~BRONSON~~, ~~JOHNSON~~, ~~AVERY~~, ~~ALEX SACHS~~, ~~GILDA MARINO~~ (~~LUSTGARTEN~~) her sister, and ~~MICHEAL LUSTGARTEN~~, her brother-in-law. [] stayed in Germany eight months, returning July 1948. When she first returned, she did nothing for about two months, at which time, she went to work for JIM MARTIN, who is working on a book dealing with United States foreign policy.

Since her return, [] has seen COPLON on only one occasion. This was when she came to the Department of Justice to pick up a transcript for MR. MARTIN and dropped by COPLON'S office and talked with her for about one-half hour. In this conversation, COPLON told [] that she had been to New York the week end before (over Washington's Birthday), and that she had seen PAULINE, SHIRLEY and the girl previously mentioned as having recently had a baby. COPLON said nothing about the trip she had taken to Europe, and [] states that as a matter of fact, she, [] did most of the talking, telling COPLON about her stay in Germany.

[] knew generally of the type of work COPLON was doing. She believed that COPLON took work home on occasion and states that once in awhile, COPLON would call her about a French word she was translating. [] knew nothing about COPLON'S frequent trips to New York and states that when she knew her, before [] went to Germany, COPLON made only infrequent trips to New York, except for a short while when her father was very ill and not expected to live.

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[] states that COPLON'S arrest and the accusations against her were a complete surprise, and a terrible shock to her. She states that at first, she could not believe it was true, then she heard over the radio that COPLON might have been working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and thought that might be the explanation. She states she found COPLON to be cute, vivacious, brusque and likeable. She could think of no one to whom COPLON was in any way subservient. She stated that COPLON and NAT LENVIN were always kidding and she thought they got on well. She felt COPLON liked [] She had no reason to think that COPLON was pro-Communist in her political leaning, and that it was never apparent to her that COPLON was at all to the left. [] states she knows of no one who might have been working with COPLON. She is certain that neither of the [] girls or herself would do such a thing and doesn't feel that any of COPLON'S other friends, known to her, would do such a thing, but since COPLON'S arrest, feels she might be fooled by most anyone. She states that she knew COPLON did not like to be home, because her family nagged her to marry and settle down. She recalls one occasion while COPLON was living on Tunlaw Road that COPLON called and told her that two boys she had known from school were in town and asked her to go out with one of them. [] was unable to go, but felt flattered that COPLON had called her. She saw COPLON on one occasion at a concert at the Congressional Library. COPLON was with a very tall man. []

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did not meet this man and knows nothing about him. COPLON never talked about her male friends to [] and she never met any of them. She knew that some man was supposed to have helped COPLON move from Tunlaw Road, but does not know who he was.

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She could recall nothing that ever happened that would throw any light on the activities of which COPLON is accused.

[]
Washington, D. C.

On March 18, 1949, [] was interviewed by Special Agents DONALD D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY at the Washington Field Office.

[] said that [] is her full name, and that she was born [] at Bayonne, New Jersey. She said that she has been working in Washington, since September of 1941, when she started working in the Transportation Corps, War Department. In April of 1944, she was transferred to the Transportation and Claims Section of the General Accounting Office as a clerk. She said that prior to that time, she had worked in Brooklyn, New York for her father and her brother who operated a Barrell Repair Business there. She said that her father is deceased at the present time, and her mother and brother are living at [] Brooklyn, New York, which she states is also her legal address.

She advised that she first met JUDITH COPLON at a birthday party given for SARAH BECKER, given by her brother, HARRY BECKER, in April 1947. [] said that she has been acquainted with SARAH BECKER since 1933, when she and SARAH were roommates at the University of Wisconsin. She only attended Wisconsin for one year, [] said, and she had gone out there to Wisconsin because her brother, ABRAHAM MASLOW, was a professor there at the University.

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Since first meeting COPLON, [] stated she has only seen her three or four times, that she can recall. Sometime after the first meeting, MASLOW stated she and SARAH BECKER were downtown shopping and they met COPLON on the street, and COPLON asked them to come out to her apartment on Tunlaw Road for the rest of the afternoon and evening. On the day after New Years Day, 1949, [] stated she gave a party in her apartment which was attended by HARRY BECKER, SARAH BECKER, HAROLD SHAPARIO, LOU MOSES, and JUDITH COPLON. The last time that she met COPLON, [] advised, was about two weeks prior to COPLON'S arrest. This meeting took place on the train coming back from New York on a Sunday afternoon. She said that when she met COPLON on this occasion, LOU MOSES was already in her company on the train, but she understands they had accidentally met on the train. She recalls that when they got to Washington, COPLON called SHAPARIO and he came down to get her in his car.

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During the times that she was in COPLON'S company, [] advised she never observed or heard anything that would indicate to her COPLON was in any way engaged in espionage or in any un-American activity. She said that her discussions with COPLON were mostly concerning clothes and boy friends and such things. However, concerning this, [] stated the only boy friend that she knew of COPLON'S was HAROLD SHAPARIO, but she does recall that COPLON had mentioned that someone was going to introduce her to a "rich man" in New York City. [] stated she knew nothing else regarding this. COPLON never discussed her European trip while in [] presence, and she knows nothing at all concerning her trip to Europe, other than that she believes it was for vacation purposes.

Since COPLON was arrested, [] stated it has been the main topic of conversation among many of her acquaintances, but she has never come across anyone who has said they had been at all suspicious of COPLON. She said that everyone she has talked to concerning the matter was as much surprised by the whole thing as she was.

It is to be noted that the indices of the Washington Field Office reflect that one [] used an alias of [] This person was described by LEWIS BUDENZ as a true follower of LEON TROTSKY. There is not enough information in the files of the Washington Field Office to positively identify the [] interviewed in this matter with the above person.

~~SHEILA McCULLOCH~~
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

MISS SHEILA McCULLOCH, 1618 Nineteenth Street, Northwest, who is employed as a clerk at the United States Department of State, was interviewed by Special Agents WILLIAM V. SLEVIN and HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN on March 8, 1949. MISS McCULLOCH stated that she has known JUDITH COPLON since February 1946, having met COPLON as a fellow student at American University. MISS McCULLOCH recalled that at that time, she had attended a class in International Organization and Administration with MISS COPLON. She further stated that in the Spring of 1947, MISS COPLON withdrew from school at American University because of sickness. MISS McCULLOCH advised that she knew MISS COPLON as a fellow student only, and had never associated with her socially. They occasionally had a cup of coffee together at the campus at American University, but during these associations with COPLON, MISS McCULLOCH advised COPLON appeared to be very reserved. She described COPLON as a very quiet, studious individual who could be classified as "the intellectual type."

Since COPLON'S withdrawal from American University in the Spring of 1947, MISS McCULLOCH stated she has seen her occasionally on the streets of

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Washington. She stated that none of these meetings were pre-arranged, although both mentioned on times they met, that they intended to get together in the near future.

MISS McCULLOCH stated that while she knew COPLON as a student, COPLON made mention of various trips which she planned to take to New York City and gave no indication of concealing her trips out of town. COPLON gave the illness of her father as the reason for her frequent trips to New York City, and made no mention of a boy friend in New York.

During MISS McCULLOCH'S association with COPLON, she never heard COPLON discuss her work, but formed the impression that COPLON had something to do with the preparation of legal briefs, although she could not recall what had caused her to form this opinion. COPLON never made mention of taking work home from the office, nor did she give any indication that she had extensive typing to do either at home or in the office. MISS McCULLOCH stated that she believed MISS COPLON came to her classes at American University directly from her work and stated that she had, on no occasion, observed government files or papers in possession of COPLON when she appeared in her classes. She stated that COPLON had, at no time, given any indication that she had, as a part of her official duties, supplying information to others outside of the Department of Justice.

MISS McCULLOCH stated that COPLON did not give the impression that she was wealthy, but did have good taste in clothes and appeared to have more than sufficient funds at her disposal.

MISS McCULLOCH stated that COPLON did not discuss her hobbies, or her way of spending her leisure time, but had indicated that she was interested in modern furniture design and had also mentioned at one time that she was taking a course in modern dance.

MISS McCULLOCH recalled that since 1946, COPLON had seemed to grow progressively more nervous and appeared to be in poorer health each time they met. She recalled that she had last seen COPLON in Garfinckel's Department Store approximately six weeks ago, and added that this was an accidental meeting. At the time of the meeting, the girls stated that they must get together in the near future, but no further conversation took place.

When asked if she could name COPLON'S friends or associates at American University, MISS McCULLOCH replied that she could not recall the names of anyone at the present time who appeared to be friendly with COPLON. She did state, however, that an individual who is presently connected with the Embassy of Iraq, appeared in attendance at several classes at American University and had expressed some interest in COPLON. She identified this individual as MCHAMMED I. ADHAM, Attache of the Embassy of Iraq. MISS McCULLOCH could not state the nature of ADHAM'S interest in MISS COPLON.

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MISS McCULLOCH suggested that MISS COPLON had been friendly with MISS ROSE FOX, a former member of the State Department, now deceased. MISS FOX, according to MISS McCULLOCH, had been active in the affairs of the UPWA and was anti-Communist. MISS McCULLOCH could not suggest the names of any additional friends of JUDITH COPLON.

MISS McCULLOCH stated that when she read the account of MISS COPLON'S arrest in the newspaper, she was completely astounded and her first impression was that COPLON was either in love with GUBITCHEV or that she had been "planted" by the Department of Justice to effect the arrest of GUBITCHEV. She stated that MISS COPLON had always given every indication to her that she was a loyal American citizen.

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Silver Spring, Maryland
Employed, Prince Georges County
Mental Hygiene Clinic
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

[redacted] was interviewed on March 9, 1949, by Special Agents STANLEY T. BLASZEK and JOHN E. HOWARD.

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[redacted] advised that she first became acquainted with JUDITH COPLON at Barnard College, New York City, where they were both in the class which graduated in 1943. She did not know COPLON particularly well during their college days and she recalls that she attended only two or three classes with her. After graduation in 1943, she saw COPLON two or three times in New York, meeting her casually but never by pre-arrangement. She recalls that these meetings took place on the street or in some other public place. [redacted] renewed her acquaintance with COPLON in Washington, D. C., around September 1947. Prior to this time, she had known that COPLON was in Washington or that she was employed by the Department of Justice.

The renewal of their acquaintance was brought about through the registry of Barnard College, by which means COPLON found out that [redacted] was in Washington and subsequently contacted her. After their first meeting, [redacted] would contact JUDITH and take her to meetings of the Barnard Club of Washington. She did this for two reasons, because COPLON did not have an automobile and because she was the only other member of the local Barnard Club who was about the same age as [redacted]. She also stated that COPLON was

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the only unmarried girl among her acquaintances in Washington, D. C., and recalls that on George Washington's birthday, 1948, she arranged a date between COPLON and a ~~GEORGE KERNER~~, of New York, who was a house guest of the [] over that holiday. She also attended a dance recital with COPLON on one occasion while her husband, [] was out of town. This was the recital in which ~~GERTRUDE BECKER~~, wife of A. HARRY BECKER, took part.

Her last contact with COPLON was on New Year's Eve, 1948-1949, when COPLON, together with many of her friends and acquaintances came to the [] home. The [] had "open house" New Year's Eve as they had just moved into their new home. She stated that more or less as a last minute thought, she called COPLON and asked her to drop in. COPLON was accompanied by another woman concerning whom [] could give no information, and by two men about whom [] knew nothing other than they both had the name of "HAL" and were employed with COPLON in the Department of Justice. [] has not seen COPLON since New Year's Eve, although she had intended to call her during the past week to ask her to attend a meeting of the Barnard Club scheduled for the following week. [] advised that she had no knowledge of COPLON'S frequent trips to New York. She recalled knowing of only one trip COPLON made to New York, and the reason she was able to recall this trip was that COPLON had been invited by her, [] to attend a meeting of the Barnard Club and the reason for her inability to attend was that she was going to New York City.

[] stated that she has been in COPLON'S apartment on only one occasion and this was while she, COPLON, was living on Tunlaw Road. She stated this apartment impressed her as being a tastefully furnished apartment and in retrospect, she recalled entertaining the thought that it was remarkable that a single girl, employed by the government, could afford such a nice place on her salary.

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Concerning an operation COPLON underwent in Washington, in which an abortion was allegedly performed, [] stated that she knew COPLON had had such an operation and understood it was for ovarian trouble brought on by a cyst on one of her ovaries. COPLON informed [] of this operation sometime after it took place and indicated that her difficulties were not over and that she was not satisfied with the treatment she had received. COPLON belonged to Group Health and was not satisfied with her doctor and wanted [] to recommend another doctor for her. This, [] refused to do. She stated that she gained the impression that COPLON'S trouble may have been caused by promiscuity, but there was nothing definite about this.

Concerning other acquaintances of COPLON known to her, [] stated that she knows COPLON is acquainted with [] employee of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, as he attended the recital previously mentioned with [] and COPLON. She recalled that SHIRLEY ARANOW, a classmate of theirs, was employed by the Department of Justice in New York City at the same time COPLON was there. Another classmate of theirs, ELEANOR

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~~ELEANOR PEARLMAN~~ was employed by the government in Washington for a while and may be acquainted with COPLON. She also recalled that COPLON was a good friend of [] a classmate of theirs who is employed in Washington.

Concerning COPLON'S trip to Europe, [] stated that as far as she knows, the purpose of this trip was simply that COPLON wanted to vacation abroad.

[] stated that she was shocked at the news of COPLON'S arrest and alleged activities and that she never thought of her as being leftist to the point where she would do such a thing. She stated that considering the matter from a social worker's point of view, she could think of nothing in her physical or mental make-up that would indicate any such tendencies on COPLON'S part. She related that COPLON had a good mind; that it was a pleasure to talk with her and she was able to converse intelligently on almost any subject. She stated that COPLON appeared to have sufficient friends to keep her normally occupied and seemed to lead a perfectly normal life. She recalled that she could think of nothing significant in anything that ever happened at any time she was with COPLON. She did not recall discussing any topics that might be faintly connected with espionage activities. She recalled that on one occasion when they attended a Barnard Club meeting together, their conversation concerned the problems of [] and COPLON desired that [] have a talk with [] in an effort to help her solve some problems. She stated that COPLON never made any mention in her presence of any connections she might have with anyone in the United Nations or with Russian diplomats. [] could furnish no other information of interest to this inquiry.

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Department of State

[] was re-interviewed at the Washington Field Office on March 7, 1949, by Special Agents ROBERT W. McCASLIN and HOLLIS W. BOWERS. He advised that he met JUDITH COPLON in February 1945, when she came to work in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice and, thereafter, they became friends through their mutual work. He said he did not know her prior to February 1945, nor did [] know her prior to that time. In connection with his association with COPLON, he said that in the Summer of 1946, [] played tennis with COPLON a few times and that COPLON has visited his home on only two occasions since he left the Justice Department in October 1948. He said on one occasion, COPLON and HAROLD P. SHAPIRO came over and on another occasion, COPLON and a friend [] who worked for McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, came over.

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[] said he recalled that COPLON had helped this individual get his apartment and that he came from New York, New York.

[] was questioned as to the reason for his having luncheons with COPLON and the bond of their friendship. [] said he generally phoned COPLON on a day when he was free for lunch, and that the luncheons were not definite meetings, but were merely occasions to fill in open luncheon engagements. [] said that he had lunched with others in the FARS, as well as COPLON. [] denied keeping a diary and states he has a 1949 desk calendar which may show the dates of his luncheon engagements with COPLON. [] was asked when he last had lunch with COPLON and he informed he had lunched with her at Hammil's Restaurant (Tenth Street, Northwest, between D and E. This luncheon was surveilled on February 25, 1949.) the week before last; however, he does not remember the date or the day. He said he was alone with COPLON and their discussion was concerned with the moving into COPLON'S office of NATHAN LENVIN and the possibility of her losing her job, as she did not have Civil Service status. [] said that COPLON also complained at this time, she did not like the way WILLIAM FOLEY was moving the FARS office around.

With regard to organizations, [] said that the only ones COPLON belonged to that he knew of were the Barnard College Alumnae and a dance class of ERIKA THILLEY (2012 P Street, Northwest). Concerning himself, he occasionally attended the Library of Congress chamber music on Friday nights and once and awhile he went to the concert at Constitution Hall. [] said he has attended meetings of the Connecticut Democratic Society with his wife and that his wife has been affiliated with some day nurseries in this area.

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[] was questioned at length concerning the exchanging of information between the State Department and the FARS and advised that from 1945, until the present time, there has been an informal exchange of information between the FARS and their contacts in the State Department. He said when he was employed by the FARS, he was broken into this informality and continued the informality when he went to the State Department in October 1948. [] said that the formal exchange of information would, of course, go through FOLEY of the FARS and State Department channels.

[] qualified the informal exchange of information insofar as he was concerned. He said it was not done with any intention of avoiding or circumventing any security regulations.

[] was questioned concerning COPLON'S inquiry of him since he has been at State regarding General NICOLAE RADESCU and Roumanian activities. [] said he could not remember when COPLON talked with him, nor could he recall whether there was one or more phone call. (He stated HORACE NICKELS of the State Department might have on his calendar the dates of COPLON'S inquiry.)

[] further stated that during his conversations with COPLON, he might have told her about RADESCU'S attempts to form a government consisting

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of all Roumanian exiles and ALEXANDRE CRETZIANU and the Peasant Party's Swiss Gold Fund. [] said remarks concerning CHARLES D'AVILA and Roumanians in New York might have been involved. [] said that he probably told COPLON the information concerning RADESCU and these other individuals are in the Miscellaneous Nationality File, Division of Records, Department of Justice. [] said he learned the information concerning these Roumanians while he was in the Department of Justice and that the information did not come from State Department's files. He further stated he did not know why COPLON may have called him concerning the Roumanians other than that it must have been in connection with the FARS work.

It is to be noted when [] was questioned concerning COPLON'S inquiry of him, he was evasive and was very certain to qualify all of his answers.

[] was questioned as to whether or not COPLON had ever furnished him any information from the Department of Justice files since he has been at the State Department. He said that she sent over a small stack of newspaper clippings concerning the Cominform and that these clippings were mostly from United States papers and that there were some FBIB broadcasts included with this material. He said that this must have been prior to January, 1949, because the State Department project for which he wanted this information was killed at that time. He said that his section was doing a paper on the Cominform and he had requested this information from COPLON to assist in its preparation.

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[] said that COPLON also furnished clippings that appeared on 5 x 8 data slips, which slips reproduced the newspaper clippings. He said this information was obtained for FRANCES ROBERDS of the State Department who had asked him for some material concerning World Zionists, the Zionist Party and the Constitution of the Zionist Party. He said ROBERDS wanted this information as she was working on the Palestine situation and she needed the material for explanation of a few points. [] said he put her in touch with LENVIN and that she came over to see him. ROBERDS, according to [] is employed in the Division of Records of the Near East (DRN).

[] was asked for a general description of his present work at the State Department and stated he is a political scientist in the Political Activities Branch and deals with international political movements and non-governmental international political movements. [] says he reads information, both public and classified, with the view of calling attention to any particular State Department projects material that may be pertinent. He further stated he has absolutely not thought of changing his position and that his intentions are to stay in the State Department. He said that LOUIS NEMZER, who was transferred from the FARS to the State Department, at one time, wanted JUDITH COPLON to come to the State Department, because in his (NEMZER'S) opinion, COPLON knew more about Communism than anyone in the FARS and probably in the Department of Justice. [] stated that COPLON had a great knowledge of American Communism. He was asked how he believed she had gained this knowledge, and he stated it was through

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her work in the FARS and the reading of the files in connection therewith. He said he believed she had gained her knowledge of Communism in the Department of Justice.

[] said that sometime during the Fall of 1948, COPLON had remarked to him that she would like to go to New York and like all other girls wanted to get married. [] said he suggested that she might try the Foreign Policy Association in New York, and the Anthropological Study at Columbia University. They both discussed the Voice of America, as it had a New York Branch, and she went to the Voice of America. She told him that the salary was much less than her present. [] said that just before Christmas of 1948, she told him that if she went to New York, she didn't think she would be able to have her own apartment, or even if she did, she would become too much involved with her parents by living in the same city, and she felt if she stayed here, she would be happier.

[] said that in the Spring of 1948, when LOU NEMZER wanted COPLON to come over to the State Department, she was not too interested in leaving the FARS and that he eventually took the job himself, but believed COPLON could have gotten it. [] said that at this time, when she was not interested in going to the State Department, she had remarked she was making enough money, the people were nice, the work interesting, and in general, she had all round good relations.

With regard to traveling to New York, [] informed that he believed COPLON rode up with WILLIAM FOLEY, on one occasion, on the train approximately a year ago. He said he believed she went up about once a month, and that on the week end of Washington's Birthday, COPLON went to New York, and he also went on the same train, but at New York, continued on to Hartford, Connecticut. [] said he joined [] in New York on the Sunday prior to Washington's Birthday, and that he had never met COPLON in New York for any reasons whatsoever. b6 b7C

[] said he had been trying to figure out the whole situation since the expose in the newspapers and that he has no insight into COPLON'S motives. He said that nothing she ever said or did has led him to believe she had a motive. [] was asked just what his ideas were insofar as the manner in which the Government could protect itself from such people as COPLON. [] said in retrospect he attributed it to an error and that errors are made occasionally; further, that if the charges against COPLON are true, a slip-up was made and the only thing that could be done would be to install stronger security measures. He stated, for instance, in his opinion, the Department of Justice security measures were never very stringent and cited for instance that the State Department would not allow anyone to take material home without approval of their section head, but that in the Department of Justice, there were no rules against it, and that quite often personnel took their work home. [] said he never took any of his work home and particularly never took any FBI reports home. He said that COPLON sometimes carried out of the office in the evenings, a red manila folding type envelope and he said he did not know what was in it, but assumed it to be some of her

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work. He said that WILLIAM B. ~~FOLEY~~ carried a brief case home and he believed he must have had some of his work in it. [] said it was not an uncommon thing for Department of Justice personnel to carry out their work.

[] was questioned concerning his opinion of the charges against COPLON, and he said that his attitude was that of everyone in this country, that a person is not guilty until proven so, and that he cannot bring himself to any conclusions concerning COPLON'S guilt or motives. He said since reading the newspapers, and especially in the Sunday Times Herald what BERTRAM J. ~~ADAMS~~, COPLON'S attorney in New York, said concerning the material found in COPLON'S possession, he thought that the attorney made a very stupid remark. [] said that ADAMS told the newspapers that the material in COPLON'S possession had no value. [] said he bases his impression of ADAMS' stupidity on the fact that he said the material was valueless, which was irrelevant. It is the fact that she took the material.

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[] said during the course of this interview, one thing he wanted to point out in his relationship with JUDITH COPLON, was that their association was based on their work together in the FARS and that he had not had an "affair" with COPLON.

LOUIS ~~MOSES~~
Public Housing Administration
Washington, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted on March 17, 1949, by Special Agent DONALD D. CONNORS.

On March 17, 1949, LOUIS MOSES was interviewed in the Washington Field Office. MOSES is an attorney employed by the Public Housing Administration and resides at 325 Harrison Street, Northwest. He is single and was born July 15, 1907, in Brooklyn, New York. Both of his parents, who are still living, were born in Russia. It will be recalled that on February 2, 1949, MOSES was noted in the company of subject COPLON and HAROLD SHAPIRO at the latter's apartment, 1906 R Street, Northwest. At that time, COPLON was observed to be carrying a large manila envelope about 9" x 12" in size.

MOSES advised that he had first met COPLON in December 1948 or January 1949, through HAROLD SHAPIRO, with whom MOSES is friendly. MOSES advised that he saw COPLON in SHAPIRO'S company from time to time, and knew they were extremely friendly. With regard to February 2, 1949, MOSES advised that he had a dinner date with SHAPIRO on that day and he was to meet SHAPIRO at SHAPIRO'S apartment. MOSES recalled that when SHAPIRO arrived at the apartment, he was accompanied by COPLON. MOSES said the three of them spent approximately 45 minutes in SHAPIRO'S apartment, discussing the arrangement of furniture, and that SHAPIRO and COPLON had a drink. MOSES flatly denies that he observed COPLON to be carrying any sort of envelope.

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MOSES stated that he was in the company of COPLON no more than four or five minutes. He recalls that on the week end of February 21, 1949, while preparing to return from New York City to Washington, he met COPLON in the Pennsylvania Station in New York City. Since he was alone and COPLON appeared to be also alone, they sat together on the train and ate together in the diner. MOSES recalled that in the diner, COPLON, calling his attention to an individual sitting alone at a nearby table, asked MOSES if that individual did not look like "an FBI man". MOSES advised he had no idea what an FBI man looked like, and so advised COPLON, whereupon she dropped the subject. It is MOSES' opinion that COPLON was simply making conversation.

MOSES recalls that also on this train was one [redacted] or [redacted] a GAO employee who resides at [redacted] who is acquainted with both MOSES and COPLON. MOSES recalls that [redacted] and another girl, whom MOSES does not know, had dinner with MOSES and COPLON in the dining car. In regard to [redacted] MOSES advised that she was born in New York and her father and mother still reside there.

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HARRY BECKER
MOSES advised that he believed he had first met COPLON in the home of HARRY and JUDY BECKER, and that both the BECKERS and Mr. BECKER's sister, SARAH BECKER, were close friends of COPLON. With regard to COPLON's other acquaintances, MOSES recalled that COPLON once asked him if he knew BERMAN in New York. MOSES advised that he presumed this to be SIDNEY BERMAN with whom he has a very slight acquaintance. He could recall no further details concerning COPLON's interest in BERMAN.

MOSES said he knew COPLON was in the habit of making week-end trips to New York, but had thought the purpose of these trips was to visit her parents. MOSES could recall no details of COPLON's trip to Europe, although, he said he had heard her make reference to this trip.

MOSES advised he was completely shocked by the news of COPLON's arrest, and that he, previous to this arrest, had never had reason or occasion to doubt her loyalty to the United States. He added that he had never heard her mention the Communist Party, nor had he observed her to have a pro-Soviet attitude.

[redacted]
Washington, D. C.

Employed, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company

[redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Field Office on

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the afternoon of March 5, 1949, by Special Agents HOLLIS W. BOWERS and ROBERT W. McCASLIN. He stated that his full name was [redacted] and that the P in his name had not been given him by his parents, but he had picked it up from a nickname [redacted]. Further, that his true name was [redacted] but that he had had it legally changed to [redacted]. He informed he was born [redacted] Bronx, New York, the son of [redacted] both of whom presently live at [redacted] New York. He said that his father is in business of manufacturing dresses under the trade name of "Town Maid Costume Company", 357 West 39th Street. [redacted] said that his father had been in business about thirty years.

He informed that his sister, [redacted] lives at home and that he has a brother, [redacted] who is a civilian head of Statistical Control Section of the Air Services Command, Wright Field. [redacted] stated that his New York Address had been [redacted] since about 1940, and prior to that time, he and his family had lived at [redacted] Bronx, for about seven years. Prior to 1933, they had lived at [redacted] Bronx.

Concerning his education, [redacted] informed that he graduated from the Dewitt Clinton High School in 1938, and that he attended Columbia University from 1938 to 1942, when he received a B.A. Degree. He attended the School of Journalism, Columbia University and received his M.S. Degree in June, 1943. [redacted] informed that he enrolled in July, 1946, for additional courses at Columbia University and took elementary accounting and general introduction to labor problems. In September 1946, he studied theory of prices (economics) and organization of industries and in February 1947, continued the study of organization of industries. In September 1947, he went to Columbia University and took full-time courses and finished his formal school work in May 1948, at Columbia University. He stated he has completed the equivalent of two hours of educational college towards his doctorate degree and that the only things that remain for his PhD are four oral examinations and his thesis. [redacted] states that he expects to get his PhD in economics. With regard to his employment, [redacted] stated that he was first employed by the International News Service, two nights a week, and on vacation reliefs in the Spring and Summer of 1943. In December, 1943, while still living at 1731 Harrison Avenue, Bronx, he obtained a job with the Associated Press in Newark, New Jersey, where he did editing and rewriting. He left this position in May, 1944, at which time, he went to work for the New York "Times" and stayed with them until December 1945. [redacted] stated that while at the New York "Times" he worked on their Sunday department, "News of the Week in Review," Section 4.

On January 1, 1946, he went to work for the "Fortune" Magazine on a general assignment and did writing of any type of story, remaining with this magazine until February 1, 1947. He informed that while with "Fortune," he registered for the courses at Columbia University in July, 1946. [redacted] continued that in March 1947, and until August 1, 1947, he worked for "News Week" magazine and while with them, did three stories for the "New Republic" magazine. [redacted] said the incident leading up to the three stories for the "New Republic"

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began while he was still employed by "Fortune" and that ERIC HODGINS, Managing Editor of "Fortune" and presently Vice-President of "Time, Inc.", had told him to see an individual named BRENNAN at "New Republic" with the idea in mind that he might do some writing for them. [] said that during the interim, he went to work for "News Week" and believes that when "New Republic" heard of his "News Week" affiliation they then asked him for the stories. [] explained that the three stories he did for "New Republic" magazine appeared in their August or September 1947 issues and were entitled "I Would Like to Take It Easy," which was concerning a man on a pension; "Top Secret Nazis at Work," [] said this had to do with "Operation Paper Clip," which is the U. S. Army importation of German scientists; "How to Get On With the Russians." [] stated that this was an interview-biography with SAMUEL B. LUSH, who is a cotton waste importer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and who goes abroad several times a year to Russia and who has done considerable business with the Russians in the importation of cotton waste to this country. He said he was assigned this interview by the "New Republic" magazine and he met LUSH at his office in Philadelphia, (the location of which he does not remember, but states he got in touch with him through the phone book at one time) and on another occasion, met him in New York for a drink at the Roosevelt or Biltmore Bar. [] said he assumed LUSH called him at that time, he does not recall the details of their meeting. [] continued that when he finished his studies at Columbia in May 1948, he tried to get a position with "Life" Magazine and then tried to get one with "Business Week" and three or four weeks after applying with "Business Week" he was called to Washington to attend a staff meeting of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company at the suggestion of the Washington Bureau Chief GEORGE DROYING, JR. [] said that since August 30, 1948, he has been employed as an economist to the Washington Office of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and that in this position, he does all types of writing and helps out on the "Business Week" magazine.

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Concerning his residence in Washington, D. C., [] stated that he went to a cooperative house at 1701 R Street, Northwest, on or about August 30, 1948, and stayed there for about five days. He said he had been referred to this address by WILLIAM SHAFIR, a New York friend. [] said it soon became apparent that he was not liked by other members of the cooperative, and he left and went to the Jefferson Hotel for approximately three days. Thereafter, he went to a residential home at 225 Quackenbos, Northwest, where he lived for approximately six weeks until he learned of his present [] Northwest, from JUDITH COPLON. He stated MISS COPLON had told him of the opportunity to buy the furniture in this apartment and that he had purchased the furniture from MISS NORA KEFAUVER, sister of Senator KEFAUVER. He said he purchased the furniture for \$750.00 and moved in on November 1, 1948. [] advised that organizations to which he belong were the National Press Club; the White House Correspondents Association; Periodical Press Gallery; U. S. Senate and House of Representatives; Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions. [] said he joined this committee in 1946, by sending in \$3.00 and that he had not participated in any of their activities; American Economic Association; New York Newspaper Guild. [] said that he joined the latter in May 1944, and dropped out in the Spring of 1948. []

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at this point of the interview, said that he had forgotten one phase of his employment and that was from January to June 1942, [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he had been recommended to this work by Professor CLIFFORD CARPENTER, who is the Head of the College of Chemistry Department and that he worked under Professor RAY CRIST. [redacted] said that he received a university check once a month and the nature of his work was to tour two or three floors of apparatus and check figures on gauges and instruments and to make a record of these figures. [redacted] said that his background for this work was provided by his college course from 1938-1942 during which time, he majored in chemistry with the view of eventually going into medicine.

Concerning JUDITH COPLON, [redacted] informed that he first met her on the campus of Columbia University in 1944, at a meeting of the American Students Union and that he met her at this meeting as a fellow member of the group. According to [redacted] when Germany invaded Russia, this group which, prior to that time had been exclaiming that the war in Europe was an imperialistic war, then changed their trend and it became a peoples war. [redacted] said that he could not go along with this inconsistency and had dropped out of the students union. He also stated that in retrospect the American Students Union appears to have been accused of having been a Communist organization. He said that he believed it to be a students' organization and that there was always considerable political talk and that he dropped out after the German invasion of Russia, principally because it appeared to be too political. He said that he did not see JUDITH COPLON again until he had a chance meeting with her in Times Square in New York in 1944, or 1945, at which time, she stated she was working for the government and he assumed it to be the United States Government. [redacted] said that he did not see her again until he came to Washington in 1948, and that friends of his in New York, upon learning of his coming to Washington, all said, "Look up JUDITH COPLON, she is in the Department of Justice." He gave the name of EDWARD MANDEL as one of those who said to look up JUDITH COPLON; however, he said he did not desire to name any additional persons, as he did not believe they were involved and did not want to involve them. He said in late September or October 1948, he called JUDITH COPLON and that they had dinner at the Orient Restaurant on Wisconsin, Northwest, and thereafter, saw her infrequently until January 22, 1949, at which time, he picked her up at Franklin Simons Store or Lord and Taylors on Fifth Avenue, New York, at about 3:30 p.m.

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[redacted] said he took JUDITH COPLON to his father's place of business to enable her to purchase a dress; however, she became annoyed at having to wait and they left and he had not seen her since that time, and had only talked to her on the telephone on one occasion which was the following Saturday, when he called her. He said at the time they mutually called off plans for the evening and he had not seen her since. [redacted] said that he had no personal interest in JUDITH COPLON, that she was much too short for him in her stature and that his meetings with her had merely been to have dinner and discuss various things they were mutually interested in, anthropology, psychology, and cultural matters.

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He said he does not know any members of her family, but believes her father to be ill; that they did not discuss politics and he does not know what her feelings are concerning this country or any other country. [] said that he learned from their conversation that she had traveled to France and Italy during the summer of 1948. He said that he never went to New York with her on any occasion and that at the time he took her to his father's after meeting her in New York, she was to pay for the dresses if she obtained them. He pointed out that his father manufactures an expensive type of dress that would be sold in such stores as Garfinckels and that he had intended to enable MISS COPLON to make a purchase and save herself some money.

On March 7, 1949, [] telephone Special Agent BOWERS at the Washington Field Office and left a message that he wanted to get in touch with him. Special Agent BOWERS telephoned [] on this date, at which time, [] informed that he had been thinking over the week end about his association with JUDITH COPLON and thought of several things that he believed should be brought to the attention of the FBI.

[] stated that on one occasion, he went with JUDITH COPLON to Virginia to meet some of her friends and doesn't know where he went, inasmuch as he was directed in his driving by COPLON. He stated that they spent about 1½ hours at the apartment of COPLON's friends and the conversation was principally regarding music. [] said he recalled noticing a number of classical phonograph records being in the apartment. (This visit was probably to [] Arlington, Virginia).

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[] also informed that he went to a dance recital at the American University in November 1948, with COPLON. He further advised that after picking up COPLON in New York on January 22, 1949, in the afternoon, that they went to a friend's house for a drink and then dropped COPLON in the West 80's or 90's on Riverside Drive. He said that COPLON told him she had a date at 7:00 p.m. (It is to be noted that COPLON has an associate by the name of [] who lives at [] New York City.)

The following signed statement was furnished by [] regarding his contacts with COPLON:

"March 5, 1949
Washington, D. C.

"I, [] years of age, do hereby make the following statement to HOLLIS A. BOWERS and ROBERT W. McCASLIN, both of whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know that I do not have to make a statement and that anything I say in this statement can be used against me in a court of law. I know that I have the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement.

"I am presently employed as an Economist to the Washington Bureau

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of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and have been in the employ of this company since August 30, 1948.

"I first met JUDITH COPLON sometime in 1940, while I was attending Columbia College, Columbia University and she was attending Barnard College, Columbia University. The meeting took place on the campus at a meeting of the American Students Union. After 1940-1941, I didn't see JUDITH COPLON again until a chance meeting in Times Square, New York, New York. At this meeting she told me she was employed by the Government, which I assumed to be the United States Government. This meeting was in 1944 or 1945.

"The next meeting I had with JUDITH COPLON was in Washington, D. C., in late September or October 1948. Friends of mine in New York, upon learning of my employment in Washington, D. C., suggested that I get in touch with JUDITH COPLON who was employed in the Department of Justice. I called her in late September or October 1948 and we later had dinner together at the Orient Restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Thereafter, I saw her infrequently until January 22, 1949, at which time I picked her up at Franklin-Simon's Store on Fifth Avenue, New York about 3:30 p.m. I took her to my father's place of business, to enable her to purchase a dress, however, she became annoyed at having to wait and we left. I have not seen her since and only talked to her by telephone the following Saturday here in Washington, D. C. at which time we mutually called off plans for the evening. I haven't called her since.

"I wish to say that I know nothing about any activities on the part of JUDITH COPLON which may have been against the United States. I know nothing about activities of JUDITH COPLON wherein she was engaged in removing confidential material from the files of the Department of Justice or receiving confidential information from anyone employed in departments of the United States Government.

"I have read this statement of two and a fraction pages and it is a true statement. I have had this statement read to me.

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Witnesses:

HOLLIS W. BOWERS
Special Agent, FBI
ROBERT S. McCASLIN
Special Agent, FBI"

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WFO 65-5128.

~~HORACE J. NICKELS~~
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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ALEXANDRE CRETZIANU
3397 Woodley Road, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Mr. HORACE J. NICKELS, Division of Southern European Affairs, Room 622, New State Building, was interviewed March 8, 1949 by Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS and Agent ROBERT W. McCASLIN.

Mr. NICKELS stated that he gained the acquaintances of the subject by way of a telephone conversation with [] who was formerly with FARS. He said that he had been contacted by [] relative to Rumanian activities and that he had been requested by [] prior to [] leaving the Department to assist Miss COPLON on the work which she was taking over that [] formerly had handled.

Mr. NICKELS advised that he actually had never met Miss COPLON, however, he added that he had just recently talked with her and mentioned that he had been handling the transfer of some papers which he was directing to her attention at the Department in connection with a matter of Rumanian funds on which the State Department had the secret and classified document. He said that fortunately clearance had not been obtained for the transfer of this document to the Justice Department for her attention. Mr. NICKELS presented the document to the interviewing agent.

It was noted that this document bore the classification "Secret" and was numbered 544, American Embassy, Ankara, and that it concerned the law suit by the Rumanian Government against the Rumanian Minister of Ankara, namely CRETZIANU, and that it was dated January 18, 1946. Mr. NICKELS stated that he did not recall the nature of the request put to him by Miss COPLON for information concerning Rumanian funds. He said that at the time it appeared to be in connection with routine work that she might be doing in that section. He added that [] had frequently contacted him while he was at the Department of Justice relative to such matters. Generally, he said, FARS was interested in emigree information.

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Mr. NICKELS recalled the time when [] contacted him and asked if NICKELS could indicate to CRETZIANU, the Rumanian national, who had not registered, to straighten out his case with the Justice Department.

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Mr. NICKELS said that as a cooperative gesture, he contacted CRETZIANU and made the suggestion. He advised that his remarks to CRETZIANU met with violent opposition on CRETZIANU's part and that CRETZIANU informed him frankly that he felt that he was within his rights in refusing to register and that the act itself was defeating its own ends by demanding that Rumanians register under it. Nevertheless, Mr. NICKELS said he suggested that CRETZIANU go to Justice and explore his own case.

Shortly thereafter, NICKELS said that [] again called him and said not to bother with the CRETZIANU case any further, that it was being handled by Justice.

Mr. NICKELS referred to memoranda in the files of the State Department and advised that his conversation with [] was just previous to June 8, 1948, and that his conversation with CRETZIANU was on that date. He said that his conversation with Miss COPLON which was reflected by memorandum dated February 8, 1949, indicated that she was seeking the document that reflected the Rumanian funds, as set out previously in this memorandum, from the American Embassy in Ankara.

Mr. NICKELS advised that CRETZIANU, according to the State Department, was considered a bonafide political refugee and he assured the interviewing agents that the State Department did not initiate an inquiry through Immigration and Naturalization into the case of CRETZIANU.

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In speaking of CRETZIANU's case, he mentioned that another Rumanian, Mr. EDMUND CIUNTU also had some difficulty with Immigration and Naturalization about the same time as did Mr. CRETZIANU. He said that he knew that CIUNTU's case was clarified. He said he never did hear how CRETZIANU's case turned out. He was not aware of the origin of the inquiry into CRETZIANU's case.

Mr. NICKELS stated that he never felt that [] was exceeding his authority in connection with his work and that he had the same impression relative to the subject. He indicated that in his opinion, she was just filling in like [] on the information that she had to obtain and because of this sought him, Mr. NICKELS, out in the State as a logical source.

Mr. ALEXANDRE CRETZIANU, 3307 Woodley Road, N.W., advised on March 14, 1949, that he first contacted the FARS in the Department of Justice relative to his registering as an agent for a foreign principal.

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in connection with his representation of the National Peasant Party of Rumania and its leader, Dr. MANIU. Mr. CRETZIANU stated that he contacted [] at FARS and it was apparent from the very first that [] was very much interested in the Rumanian case and in particular, the disclosure on the part of informant of the full circumstances behind the funds that CRETZIANU had at his disposal which were to be used for the financing of legitimate activities in behalf of the National Peasant Party of Rumania.

Mr. CRETZIANU stated that he became extremely suspicious at the interest shown by [] and while he was deciding on the advisability of registering personally with FARS, he had occasion to contact other political refugees in the United States who were in a similar status and obtain from them their impressions regarding the obligation of registering with FARS.

Mr. CRETZIANU said that he distinctly recalls Dr. FOTAGE of the Yugoslavs who said he registered with FARS and that FOTAGE observed the following day that this fact was reported in the "Daily Worker." He said that FOTAGE remembered that he felt it strange that the "Daily Worker" would have a press representative who on a daily basis would review the public records at FARS. He said FOTAGE made this remark in spite of the fact that FOTAGE appreciated the nature of the public records of this section of the Department of Justice. Mr. CRETZIANU stated that this was the general skepticism that existed at that time and because of this, he was not enthusiastic about registering at [] insistence.

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Mr. CRETZIANU advised that [] pressed him for the document which Dr. MANIU had given to BUZESTI, MANIU's representative of the National Peasant Party of Rumania. Mr. CRETZIANU said that he told [] that there could be no disclosure of this document because by a careless handling of this instrument, a countrywide exposure would be made of the MANIU forces in Rumania which would bring about mass arrests by the Communist-dominated government of that country. He said that [] replied in this connection that he was interested only in having this document to definitely determine the nature of the agency that existed between BUZESTI and BUZESTI's foreign principal, Dr. MANIU, and the National Peasant Party of Rumania.

Mr. CRETZIANU said he was successful in avoiding the disclosure of this document and also in avoiding registering with FARS.

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However, he mentioned that upon BUZESTI's arrival in the United States, BUZESTI at the insistence of Dr. ~~DIMITROV~~, the chairman of the International Peasant Union, registered with FARS. CRETZIANU said he felt that perhaps Dr. ~~DIMITROV~~ made a copy of the MANIU document available to FARS, which document had been filed with ~~DIMITROV~~ who was chairman of the IPU. CRETZIANU said the reason for doing this was to show a cooperative attitude to the Justice Department and at the same time, induce other members of the IPU to register with FARS in accordance with the request of that section of the Justice Department.

Mr. CRETZIANU said that after checking with various legal authorities on the subject of registration, he concluded that his personal registering with FARS would serve no actual benefit as far as the purport of the law went and that he definitely felt it would be damaging to the efforts of the National Peasant Party of Rumania. He said that he felt this way because he knew that Dr. MANIU in his document authorizing BUZESTI to carry on as a representative of the National Peasant Party of Rumania, had in addition to MANIU's signature of authorization, the signature of authorization of ~~CONSTANTIN BRATIANU~~, chief of the Liberal Party and ~~TITEL PETRESCANU~~, chief of the Independent Socialist Party in Rumania. He added that the mere disclosure of either of the latter two names would cause the remnants of those two parties in Rumania to be liquidated by the Communist dominated government. He mentioned that in his opinion, the Communists would be very much interested in obtaining facts about the authorization of these above named three men and their directive to BUZESTI to represent them.

Mr. CRETZIANU stated that he felt [] in FARS was irritated by his, CRETZIANU's, refusal to register and it was [] who caused Mr. HORACE NICKELS of the State Department to urge him, CRETZIANU, to register as a foreign agent of the National Peasant Party of Rumania. Mr. CRETZIANU stated that he advised NICKELS as to his reasons for refusing to register as requested by [] and NICKELS' reply was "that section is pressing us to have you register."

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CRETZIANU stated that sometime around the middle of November, 1947, after Dr. MANIU had been sentenced by the Communist government of Rumania, he went to [] again in FARS and stated that now in his opinion, it would be no longer necessary for him, CRETZIANU, to register because his principal, Dr. MANIU, had been sentenced and accordingly, was in no position to act as a principal. Mr. CRETZIANU said that [] did

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not agree with him and stated that he felt CRETZIANU was avoiding the issue and that as far as he, [] was concerned, CRETZIANU was still obliged to register with FARS because it was well known by FARS that CRETZIANU, as well as other members of former Rumanian governments, who were in the U.S. as political refugees, were carrying on propaganda activities in the form of making speeches and writing articles to the various language newspapers. Mr. CRETZIANU stated that he pointed out to [] at that time that if he then registered, he would be admitting what he had previously denied and that he was an agent of a foreign government. He said he also pointed out to [] that he, as well as Dr. MANIU, had been convicted of treason and that he had been sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment. He said he also pointed out to [] the then Secretary of State MARSHALL's remark that Dr. MANIU's trial in Rumania was a mockery. He said he pointedly asked [] if he still insisted upon his, CRETZIANU's registering, that he would do so but that he would name as his principal the Rumanian country and he said he told Mr. MORRIS that it was well known here in the U.S. that he, CRETZIANU was devoting all his efforts to the benefit of the Rumanian people and to the restoration of a free representative government for the Rumanian people.

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CRETZIANU said it was apparent that his remarks to [] did not meet the latter's approval and he recalled that [] said that it would be necessary without further delay for BUZESTI to register; that the other members of the International Peasant Union, of which BUZESTI was a member, had registered and that BUZESTI was the last remaining one. About that time Mr. CRETZIANU said BUZESTI departed for the International Peace Conference, held in Paris, France. He stated BUZESTI was absent from the U.S. for a period of approximately four months.

He stated that during BUZESTI's stay in France, it was called to his, CRETZIANU's attention many times that all members of the IPU had registered and that BUZESTI was the one who was keeping the IPU from complete compliance with the law requiring registration of foreign agents. CRETZIANU said that he was little impressed by these many remarks and that he characterized them as a show of excessive zeal on the part of the members of the IPU. He said he constantly pointed out to Dr. DIMITROV and others that it was very easy for DIMITROV and MIKOLAJCZYK and MACEK to register with FARS because they were themselves their own principals and agents and that because of this fact, they should consider the different situation of BUZESTI who was only acting as agent in this country and that the disclosure of his principalship would damage the interests of the principalship, as well as the desired accomplishments of the remnants of the National Peasant Party in Rumania.

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In the fall of 1948, BUZESTI finally consented to registering with FARS and after disclosing as much information as he felt was warranted, he was of the opinion that he no longer would have to register again as a foreign agent of the Council of Political Parties in Exile from Rumania. Nevertheless, [] again contacted BUZESTI and informed him in October, 1948 that he would have to register as an agent of the above-mentioned group.

Mr. CRETZIANU said that such action on the part of FARS again caused him to question the regulations of that section. He said he felt their demands of BUZESTI were entirely unwarranted and that this incident, as well as past incidents, which had caused him much concern, made him feel that the best interests perhaps were not exercising the right influence in that section of the Justice Department.

Mr. CRETZIANU said that after the State Department had concluded that he was a political refugee in every right, he was surprised to receive a notification from the Baltimore Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service that his status in the United States was not properly adjusted and that he should ready himself for deportation if his visa condition was not straightened out. He stated that the notification from Baltimore was shocking to him and that he immediately went to the State Department and asked if they had on their own initiative caused this inquiry to come from Immigration. He said he was informed by his friends in the State Department that no action had been taken by them. He said that he felt then that perhaps the FARS had made the inquiry of INS and that their inquiry might have been the result of his receiving the notification from INS.

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CRETZIANU also stated that sometime during the summer of 1948, his friend, Mr. PAMFIL RIPOSEANU, who was formerly Charge d'Affaires of the Rumanian Legation, upon his own volition, had gone to FARS and asked if he should register as an agent if he was devoting his time to writing articles that were pointing out the truth about the Communist domination of the Rumanian Government. He stated that he does not recall what decision was rendered to RIPOSEANU in this regard but he does recall RIPOSEANU's comment concerning the conversation he had with [] CRETZIANU said that [] according to RIPOSEANU, advised that "CRETZIANU thinks he's too clever for us and he should register."

CRETZIANU said that this remark on the part of [] typified the attitude of that section of the Justice Department and was strong indication

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that they were trying to scare him into registering with FARS. He said that he felt that FARS were particularly interested in the money which had been placed at his disposal to carry on the necessary activities of the National Peasant Party of Rumania. He mentioned that [] had shown a great deal of interest in the gold fund that existed in Switzerland and which was blocked by the Swiss Government.

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Mr. CRETZIANU said that he knew very well that the Communists would be keenly interested in what disposition might be made of the blocked gold fund in Switzerland if he, CRETZIANU, was successful in his law suit which is pending concerning the unblocking of that sum. CRETZIANU referred to this fund as a part of the reserve that was given to him from the secret funds of the Foreign Ministry. He mentioned that it was a common practice in Rumania for the Foreign Ministry to have a separate fund that was not scrutinized by the budget section and he said it was from this secret fund that the former Foreign Minister ~~VISOIANU~~ made the deposit in Switzerland in the name of CRETZIANU, which fund at this time is blocked by the Government of Switzerland.

CRETZIANU said that SAMUEL E. ~~NEEL~~, attorney at 1001 15th Street, N.W., represented him in connection with his case in FARS. He said he felt NEEL would be able to give considerable information if he was contacted in this regard. He was of the opinion that NEEL did not disclose to him in the fullest degree the true facts of his case as it existed in the Justice Department because he was not an American citizen. CRETZIANU said that NEEL also handled BUZESTI's case and would be able to give enlightening information on the incident that arose concerning the Rumanian newspaper published in Paris and which is anti-Communist. This newspaper, CRETZIANU said, was another of FARS' interests which he felt was of no actual concern to FARS.

CRETZIANU stated that he had no objection to this office contacting NEEL and obtaining any information NEEL would disclose concerning his or BUZESTI's case.

MARGARET D. ~~NORTON~~
LUCILLE E. ~~BRUNNER~~
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. NORTON and Miss BURNNER were interviewed in their office, Room 2210, Criminal Division, Department of Justice on Friday, March 18, 1949 by Special Agent EDWARD F. HUMMER.

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It is herein noted that this room is five doors from the room occupied by Miss COPLON, namely 2220, and is along the same corridor.

They advised that sometime during the month of February, Miss COPLON came in their room and asked for a copy of the statute granting immunity to certain United Nations officials. They advised that Miss COPLON did not ask for the statute by title or number. They further advised that the particular statute had already passed Congress, was signed by the President, and was Public Law. Mrs. NORTON and Miss BRUNNER stated that they searched their records and found the the Public Law 291 of the 79th Congress, First Session, which was entitled, "An Act to Extend Certain Privileges, Exemptions and Immunity to International Organizations and to the Officials and Employees Thereof and for Other Purposes."

Mrs. NORTON and Miss BRUNNER stated that they gave her this file, which she looked at briefly and said, "This is what I want." They charged it out to her, she took it out of the room, and returned it later. Miss BRUNNER was of the opinion that COPLON returned it the next day, while Mrs. NORTON thought that Miss COPLON returned the file the same day she charged it out.

When Miss COPLON first asked for this particular statute, she made the statement that she, Miss COPLON, was not a lawyer.

Mrs. NORTON and Miss BRUNNER produced the exact file that Miss COPLON borrowed, which was a loose-leaf folder. The file contains the pending law as passed by Congress, printed by the Government Printing Office. The file contained no correspondence from the Department. They advised that usually there are many other loose-leaf folders maintained in their office. The file in addition to maintaining a copy of the Bill contains a copy of the law as finally passed, and may also contain official departmental memoranda including the Attorney General's opinion of the legality of the bill, the Department's recommendation either pro or con, and other correspondence dealing with the Bill, its legislative history and the Committee testimony, etc.

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Mrs. NORTON and Miss BRUNNER stated there was nothing confidential about the Bill, as it was Public Law and the same could have been received from the Government Printing Office or the Justice Library.

Mrs. NORTON and Miss BRUNNER further stated that they were aware of the fact that Miss COPLON worked in the Foreign Agents Registration Section and therefore thought it was not unusual, but on the contrary proper for her to make an inquiry concerning this particular law as it may pertain to exempting the registration of United Nations officials inasmuch as the law pertained to "certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities." They further advised that they knew who she was and have seen her name on the door five doors down. Mrs. NORTON and Miss BRUNNER stated that they could recall no other contact with the subject as far as they knew and have never seen Miss COPLON near the safe, which is opposite Miss BROOKLEY's office.

Dr. PITTMAN B. POTTER
Dean, Graduate School
American University
Washington, D.C.

Dr. PITTMAN B. POTTER, was interviewed at his office at 1901 F Street, N.W., on March 14, 1949, and advised that JUDITH COPLON took two classes under him at American University, namely American Diplomacy and a seminar in International Organization. Dr. POTTER advised that he only knew Miss COPLON in class and therefore did not know anything concerning her family background, her friends and associates outside or even her friends and associates at the Department of Justice where she was employed. Dr. POTTER stated that likewise he was not familiar with any of her activities.

Concerning COPLON's political persuasion, Dr. POTTER stated that from discussion in the seminar he came to the conclusion that she was "left of center." By this he meant she was liberal but he could not give any facts showing that she was a member of the Communist Party or even sympathetic with Russia. Dr. POTTER stated that while she did not shy away from or avoid controversial subjects, those subjects of current events which Communists universally differ from American foreign policy were not discussed and there was no occasion to discuss these issues which would have brought out many Communist sympathies on

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her part. Dr. POTTER stated that he did not know if she had any relatives in Eastern Europe and as far as he knew her moral character was satisfactory, at least he heard nothing to the contrary. As to her general character, Dr. POTTER stated she may have been a little immature, that at times she appeared to be flighty and therefore it may have been possible for her to have succumbed to a bribery offer or it was possible she may have been placed in a compromising position and blackmailed. He stated he would not rule out these possibilities although he doubted very much whether these elements were the motives for her doing what she did, assuming that the newspaper accounts were true. Dr. POTTER thought that the real motive was ideological and again stated that he would classify her as "left of center."

Dr. POTTER was asked to name COPLON's close associates or friends in her classes and he immediately stated that there was a gentleman in the class who was employed at the time in the same section with COPLON at the Department of Justice by the name of [redacted]. Upon further reflection, Dr. POTTER named [redacted] as [redacted] POTTER stated that COPLON was very chummy with [redacted] at American University; further, that [redacted] was extremely "radical" and upheld the extreme left wing view of things. Again POTTER stated that he could give no facts substantiating [redacted] membership in the Communist Party but stated that in comparison with COPLON herself, [redacted] was extremely on the "Left wing side."

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Dr. POTTER stated that at no time did JUDITH COPLON ask him for any information which could be classified as confidential inasmuch as being a teacher he possessed no such information. He stated that she wrote a paper for one of his classes concerning the Foreign Agents Registration Act Section of the Department but he recalls that it was only an average paper and he thought it contained no confidential information that was not already available to the general public or to a good newspaper reporter.

Dr. POTTER was asked if JUDITH COPLON submitted a thesis for her Masters Degree and he replied that so far as he can remember, she never came to him and discussed a thesis, that she never got around to writing one.

Concerning her future work, Dr. POTTER stated that he came to the conclusion that COPLON continued her studies looking toward a Masters Degree only for the purpose of being in a better bargaining

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position for a better paying position, that she did not take advanced studies for a Masters Degree for the purpose of following a teaching profession.

Dr. POTTER stated he had no further information concerning her which would throw any light upon her motive for doing what she did.

[redacted]
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents PAUL TIERNEY and ROBERT SMELTZER on March 25, 1949 at which time he furnished the following information:

He was employed as an attorney in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice from September, 1945 until February or March, 1948, the scope of his work encompassing the British Commonwealth, Scandinavian countries, Ethiopia, Spain and Czechoslovakia. JUDITH COPLON did not work with him directly as she was handling Russian matters, however, at staff discussions, [redacted] did have an opportunity to observe and converse with her. In these staff discussions, JUDITH never gave any indication of being sympathetic to Communism or to the Soviet and she appeared to be most objective in her approach to her work.

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At times, COPLON has contacted [redacted] for advice on general legal problems arising in her work but at no time did there appear to be other than a valid purpose of clearing up some problem confronting her in her work. By way of illustration, it was noted that on February 28, 1949, she phoned [redacted] regarding the status of the British Information Service and inquired if this service could register for persons on lecture tours in this country. At no time did COPLON attempt to secure information or material from [redacted] to which she was not entitled in the discharge of her official duties.

[redacted] continued by stating that he was not a close friend or social acquaintance of COPLON and had seen her outside of the Department only once or twice at small gatherings of employees given as a friendly gesture to members of the section resigning, such as a party at Mr. WILLIAM FOLEY's apartment, given for [redacted] when he left

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the FARS. He knew of no close friends of COPLON other than [] and HAROLD SHAPIRO and stated that it was common knowledge that the latter and she were going together socially, and that he, himself had seen them walking together on Missouri Avenue one day.

It was noted by [] that he had had numerous conversations with COPLON in his office at the Department, on occasions when she dropped in for a friendly chat and that these conversations were invariably innocuous. He recalled that she mentioned to him that on her trip to Europe, she had visited France, Switzerland and Italy and that before she left on this trip, she told him that she had a friend, believed to have been a girl, in Paris. She subsequently mentioned that she had in fact visited this girl when she was in Paris.

[] stated that he had been shocked to hear of COPLON's apprehension by the FBI and the nature of the charges against her, as even in retrospect, he could recall no action or word or even the slightest impression given by her in the past which in the light of her apprehension could be construed as indicating even faintly that she was sympathetic to, or engaged in, espionage for any foreign power. [] had always appeared to be scholarly and capable but seemed to possess a naivete and unworldliness which seemed to belie her being a "Mata Hari".

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[] also recalled that it was known to him that COPLON had relatives in New York and on occasion visited them, however, his recollection was vague as to whether she herself had mentioned this to him or he had heard it in passing from someone else. In attempting to find in his own mind a reason for COPLON's actions, he stated that strictly in a hypothetical manner, he had advanced the reason as either love, financial, ideological or neurotic, but had no reason to suspect that anyone of these had been the reason.

As noted before, Communism or Soviet political ideology had never seemed to receive voice through COPLON; further as to her financial status, it had appeared that she was in the same moderate circumstances as the average government woman worker, neither wealthy nor destitute. [] continued by noting that he had no reason to suspect that she had fallen in love with any man and in particular anyone who might have subverted her.

In regard to the reason of her actions as "neurotic", [] said that she seemed a normal young woman of intellect and did not appear

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to be emotionally unstable or extremely introverted. She had manifested to him an interest in photography, bicycling, and music and in brief, appeared to be a stable person.

[] furnished the following information concerning himself:

He was born [] Denver, Colorado, parents being [] the former born in Germany but naturalized and the latter born in St. Louis. He attended Yale College and Law School being graduated in 1935 and 1938 respectively. From 1938 to January, 1941, he was employed in a law firm of NAGEL, KIRBY, ARRICK and SHEPLEY in St. Louis and from 1941 to 1945, in D.C. on the legal staff of the OPA, thereafter coming to the Department of Justice where his present capacity is attorney in the civil rights section, criminal division. [] his wife, [] and their three children, reside at [] Washington, D.C.

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Department of State
Washington, D.C.

On March 9, 1949, [] was interviewed at the Washington Field Office by SA's STEPHEN A. SMITH and LEWIS E. GLENN. [] is Chief of the Western European Section in the Biographic Information Division of the State Department. [] has never met JUDITH COPLON personally. Her only contacts were by telephone in connection with requests made by Miss COPLON for biographical data available in the State Department files. Requests such as these are complied with telephonically by the State Department only to the extent of furnishing routine information. If additional information of a classified nature is available, the person requesting same is so advised and also advised that the information can be obtained through routine channels by a formal memorandum. [] could recall no instance where information other than biographical data was requested by COPLON. She had no information concerning COPLON's personal life and could identify as friends or contacts [] presently employed by the State Department. [] pointed out that she only learned this by hearsay on March 8, 1949.

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[] named two other individuals in the State Department who are known to have conversed with Miss COPLON by telephone in connection with requests for information. These are Mrs. ELIZABETH JACKSON and Mr. ARNOLD B. ANDERSEN. She stated that in connection with

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Mr. ANDERSEN, COPLON had made a request of him during the first week of March which involved what she described as a "hot" case. ANDERSEN declined to furnish the requested information inasmuch as it involved highly classified information and it was not readily clear to him that she was entitled to such information.

According to [] ANDERSEN took this matter up with his superiors and was advised not to furnish this information to Miss COPLON except through proper procedures of submitting appropriate memoranda. ANDERSEN then contacted Miss COPLON and advised her of this decision at which time she told him that the information was not for her and she did not know whether the individual who wanted this information would want to go through all this procedure.

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[] advised that she was born [] at Liege, Belgium of a French father and an American mother. Her father was subsequently naturalized. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College 1934; the Sorbonne, 1933; and Bryn Mawr in 1937. She taught school at various American schools for approximately six years until 1942. From 1942 to 1945, she was employed by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs here and in South America, principally in the latter country. Since January, 1945, she has been with the State Department.

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Washington, D. C.

[] was interviewed by Special Agents WILLIAM J. KLIMA and CHARLES D. CHAPMAN on March 21, 1949.

[] stated that she had attended the James Madison High School in Brooklyn, New York during approximately the same period of time as Miss COPLON and that she met JUDITH COPLON in either 1938 or 1939 when she was introduced to Miss COPLON by one BLOSSOM WINKLER. []

[] stated that this introduction took place at the time she, [] succeeded Miss COPLON as President of Iota Gamma, a sorority sponsored by the YMCA. She stated the purpose of this club was to hear speakers and attend lectures on matters of religious, political and miscellaneous subjects.

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[] stated that it was a very high type club and one in which parents of most of the members were happy to have their children associated. [] stated that her association with JUDITH COPLON was not a close one but that inasmuch as JUDITH was considered to be a brilliant girl and one who is slightly older than she, [] sort of looked up to JUDITH and thought she was an unusual person. She stated that one, ~~X~~PHOEBE, last name unknown, a red haired girl, who was in a grade higher than COPLON, appeared to have considerable influence on JUDITH COPLON. [] stated that both of these girls were very politically minded for high school students and in response to a direct question, stated that in her opinion, the political beliefs of the red-haired girl went beyond the stage of being liberal.

[] was questioned concerning any specific activities on the part of Miss COPLON at James Madison High School and she stated while she does not exactly know why, she seems to associate Miss COPLON and the other girl with the American Students Union which was in some prominence during the period they were in high school. She said she had no actual knowledge that these girls were members of ASU but the thought strikes her that they were in some way associated with it. [] stated that upon graduating from James Madison High School in 1940, she went to Vassar College; that JUDITH COPLON went to Barnard College; and that BLOSSOM WINKLER is now married but she does not know to whom she is married or where she lives. [] stated that to her knowledge, the following people were acquaintances of JUDITH COPLON:

MORTON ~~X~~POMERANZ, 9328 Caroline Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland who has known JUDITH since she was about eleven years old.

[] who [] believes was one of JUDITH's boyfriends in high school, and attended Columbia University during the same years as JUDITH COPLON attended Barnard. [] was editor of the Columbia University paper at the same time JUDITH was editor of the Barnard College paper.

ISMENE ~~X~~MICROUTSICOS, an employee of the Justice Department and [] a patient of [] husband, and a former schoolmate of JUDITH COPLON.

In connection with [] stated that since Miss COPLON's arrest, she, [] and [] have been

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in contact with each other and [] informed that she, [] never knew that Miss COPLON even thought politically. [] stated that she understands that during the period JUDITH COPLON attended Barnard, she completely disassociated herself from anything political and that this seemed rather odd to her inasmuch as Miss COPLON was so politically minded during the period she was in high school. [] stated that the only times she has seen Miss COPLON since their graduation from High School was once in New York in 1943 and once in Washington, D.C., in approximately 1947. She stated they have had no social contact and she could furnish no additional information concerning friends or associates of Miss COPLON.

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Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

On March 8, 1949, at 4:15 P.M., [] telephonically advised that she desired to furnish additional information concerning JUDITH COPLON.

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[] appeared at the Washington Field Office at 5:15 P.M. on the above date and was interviewed by SA's CARL W. BUCHHOLZ and LYNN W. BEDFORD.

[] related that she wished to clarify her association with Miss COPLON. She stated that sometimes she saw COPLON three times a week and at times, never saw her for a week or two. [] said they ate together quite frequently at the McLean Gardens and that after eating, COPLON would stop by her, [] room and go on to her own room. [] related that she can recall visiting COPLON only three times at her former apartment at 2634 Tunlaw.

[] stated that JUDITH COPLON never discussed her trip to Europe in details but she knew that it was not an overnight plan. COPLON visited some friends in Paris but [] said she could not recall their names.

[] related that SHIRLEY A. ~~X~~RONOW and MARSHA ~~X~~FREEMAN of New York City are acquaintances of COPLON's who attended Barnard College with her. She stated that COPLON was friendly with LEE ~~X~~MEISTER of Bethesda and FRANCIS ~~X~~TEMKO of Washington. [] stated COPLON was also acquainted with CAROL ~~X~~KENSLEY of the New York "Daily News".

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... [] said that about 1¹/₂ years ago, she became re-acquainted with COPLON and COPLON was just getting over a love affair. She stated that COPLON was very much in love with a man who COPLON said had an incurable disease. [] stated that COPLON said that it was impossible for her to see the man again. [] did not know this man's name, description, address, work or friends. She stated that COPLON was with this person a lot and he had been to COPLON's apartment.

[] stated that she believed COPLON was a very good friend of [] but never dated him.

She further advised that COPLON was very much interested in a man, but not romantically, who left Washington before the Spring of 1948. She did not know the name, address, work or friends of this person.

MILTON C. ~~REWINKEL~~
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. MILTON C. REWINKEL, Chief of the European Section of Public Affairs, Overseas Branch of the U.S. Department of State, was interviewed by SA's WILLIAM V. SLEVIN and HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN on March 9, 1949 and supplied the following information:

Mr. REWINKEL stated that he had never seen JUDITH COPLON but had on one occasion contacted her telephonically requesting information concerning the application of the Foreign Agents Registration Act to Polish nationals in the U.S. Mr. REWINKEL explained that this information was desired by the American Embassy in Warsaw, Poland and that he was referred to Miss COPLON when he contacted the Department of Justice.

This contact was made approximately six weeks ago and he stated that Miss COPLON supplied information regarding the Foreign Agents Registration Act and after supplying this information, stated that perhaps Mr. REWINKEL could supply her with certain information regarding the distribution of propaganda by the Satellite countries. REWINKEL stated that he did not have this information readily available, but that Miss COPLON stated she was particularly interested in the distribution of propaganda by Rumania and Hungary. REWINKEL advised that he supplied Miss COPLON no information regarding Hungary, but that he told her the Rumanians were presently distributing approximately 8,000 copies of a pamphlet each month in the U.S.

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REWINKEL added that this information was not classified but that he had no knowledge of why Miss COPLON desired the information. He stated that subsequent to this initial contact, he has been advised by his secretary that MISS COPLON has called him at his office several times, the last contact being as recently as approximately last week. He stated that she had been supplied no further information and he had not talked to her personally since his first contact about six weeks ago. He could furnish no information regarding COPLON's contacts or associates.

~~CHARLES ROTHSTEIN~~
Alien Enemy Control Unit
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. CHARLES ROTHSTEIN was interviewed in the Washington Field Office by Special Agents EDWARD F. HUMMER and ROBERT K. McQUEEN and advised that he was not acquainted with JUDITH COPLON and to his recollection did not speak to her and had no knowledge of speaking to her telephonically.

ROTHSTEIN stated that since the publicity in this case in the paper, other employees of the Department of Justice have told him that JUDITH COPLON rode on the same elevators with him and he no doubt would remember her in the building. He stated, however, that he has no recollection of COPLON and the pictures of her appearing in the paper do not refresh his memory.

ROTHSTEIN stated that in the past, he had had occasion to call the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Justice Department on official business but he has always communicated with the heads of this section and not with Miss COPLON, herself. He was at a loss to know how Miss COPLON had his name in her possession.

~~DCRA SANDER~~
Bureau of National Affairs
Washington, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ROBERT L. SMELTZER and CHARLES W. PEASINGER on March 7, 1949:

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Miss DORA SANDER, News Editor, "Labor Relations Reporter", Bureau of National Affairs Incorporated, 24th and N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised that she had first met JUDITH COPLON on a Labor Day week-end of 1947 at which time SANDER and COPLON as well as many others were at the Y.M.C.A. Camp Letts in Maryland for vacation. This camp at that time was being operated by the Washington Potomac Cooperative Federation and SANDER spent the Labor Day week-end there. COPLON had apparently spent more time there and as SANDER recalls, she had been there for 10 days or two weeks.

COPLON and SANDER and about six other girls lived in a cabin for single girls at the camp. All the other cabins were occupied by married couples with the exception of one other which was occupied by single men. COPLON had apparently come to the camp with a boyfriend of hers who lived in the cabin for single men and spent considerable time with him. SANDER cannot describe this boyfriend in any way except that COPLON was very close to him and that he was about 30 years of age.

She advised that she, SANDER, had come to the camp with Mrs. JACK C. (MARY ELLEN) KOPPENHEIMER, who had also lived in the cabin and that Miss ANNE MARIE DAVIS, 4301 4th Street, N., Arlington, Virginia, had also lived in this particular cabin. In this connection, she stated that DAVIS was an official of some sort at the camp, would know COPLON, might know her boyfriend and might have camp records which would be of assistance in identifying him. She stated that the Washington Potomac Cooperative Federation, was, she believed, affiliated with the Rochdale Cooperatives and various cooperative stores in Washington, D.C. and vicinity.

SANDER spent the week-end at the camp but during this time, became fairly well acquainted with COPLON and during this time, although they had just met, was surprised that COPLON discussed intimate details of her personal life with her. She recalls that at that time, COPLON stated she was still recuperating from an operation performed about a year previously at which time she had had her ovaries removed or some such difficulty. She stated that she considered COPLON a "fast girl" inasmuch as she freely discussed going out with many men and gave a definite impression that she had had relations with several of them.

Upon leaving the camp, SANDER was in touch telephonically with COPLON on about two or three occasions in the fall of 1947 and in November of 1947 near Thanksgiving time invited COPLON to attend a party at her home.

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As she recalls, COPLON came unescorted to the party, was not previously acquainted with the persons there and as far as SANDER recalls no persons at the party subsequently associated with COPLON. She stated that after the party she was in touch with COPLON from time to time telephonically until about the Spring of 1948 at which time COPLON was planning a vacation abroad. At that time COPLON advised she was giving up her apartment and they discussed difficulties COPLON was having with her M.A. thesis and the question of whether COPLON would find it advisable to attend law school.

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It was her impression that COPLON'S visit to Europe was for personal reasons and she recalled that COPLON said she had two friends in Paris, France, who were going to show her a good time. SANDER does not know if these friends were men or women but was of the impression that they were Americans. She does not believe she has been in touch with COPLON since COPLON'S trip to Europe as she does not recall hearing anything concerning it and feels that she would have been quite interested in COPLON'S description.

During the time SANDER knew COPLON, COPLON resided in an apartment on Tunlaw Road and until she had read in the paper that COPLON lived in McLean Gardens had not been aware of that fact. She recalls that on a few occasions when they were talking to each other and trying to arrange to get together they found it difficult to get together on weekends because SANDER was studying and COPLON was going to visit New York. COPLON mentioned that her family lived in New York. SANDER cannot say how frequently COPLON went to New York on weekends but recalls once or twice while talking to her she mentioned that she might go to New York on the following weekend.

SANDER advised that COPLON was an extremely intelligent girl who was well educated and one she would consider to be sophisticated. She stated in her opinion she would definitely not be naive enough to be interested in or an adherent of Communist Party activities or ideologies. She stated that although she could recall no specific questions discussed it is her recollection that COPLON and she agreed all along the line and for that reason would describe her as a "New Deal Liberal". She stated that COPLON was an adventurous person and SANDER has the impression that her involvement in instant matter was probably due to a personal reason and feels, though this is pure conjecture, that it is probably due to a love affair with some man as, for example, someone she may have met in Paris who was a member of the Communist Party. She states she does not think that her involvement in espionage would be due to financial reasons. Her recollection was that COPLON made a good salary for a single girl and was neither pressed for money nor did she live beyond her means.

SANDER advised that she had been born in Stuttgart, Germany, and entered the United States via the SS PRESIDENT HARRISON in March, 1939, at

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New York, New York. She states that from March, 1939, until the fall she had worked for a Mr. and Mrs. HOLLANDER taking care of their two children in New York City. She advised that HOLLANDER was a stockbroker and she could not recall his first name nor his address. In the fall of 1939 SANDER received a scholarship to Radcliff College where she graduated in 1942 with a major in Political Science. In August, 1942, she came to Washington, D.C. and went to work at the Bureau of National Affairs Incorporated where she is presently employed.

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She states she became a naturalized citizen of the United States in Washington, D.C., in about 1945. In the fall of 1947 she began work at the George Washington University Law School and is presently a student there in addition to her work. Her father and mother, RUDOLPH and ALICE SANDER, reside at 150 Amory Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. She has a brother, FRANK SANDER, a senior at Harvard University; and a brother, LOTHAR SANDER, who resides with her parents and who is employed by a chemical company in Boston, Massachusetts.

SANDER advised she had no information in regard to COPLON'S membership or affiliation with the Communist Party nor did she have any information that COPLON or anyone else was engaged in Russian espionage activities. She advised that at no time had COPLON asked her for information and in this connection stated she felt that COPLON had access in connection with her job to much more important information than SANDER may have had.

SANDER furnished the following signed statement:

Washington, D.C.
March 8, 1949.

"I, Dora Sander, make the following free and voluntary statement to Robert L. Smeltzer and Charles W. Peasinger who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize that this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and entered the United States in March, 1939, at New York City. I became a naturalized citizen of the United States in Washington, D.C., in about 1945. I presently reside at 4206 Kaywood Drive, Mt. Ranier, Maryland, and have been employed from August, 1942, to the present time as a News Editor for the "Labor Relations Reporter" at the Bureau of National Affairs Incorporated, Washington, D.C.

"I first met Judith Coplon during the Labor Day weekend of 1947 at the Y.M.C.A. Camp Letts in Maryland. At that time this camp was being operated by the Washington Potomac Cooperative Federation as a vacation place for members of the Federation. I spent the Labor Day weekend at the camp and lived in a cabin with about seven other single girls. Coplon lived in this

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cabin but it was my impression that she had spent her vacation there for 10 days or two weeks. During this weekend she and I became fairly well acquainted and upon leaving the camp I was in touch with her telephonically on about two occasions up until around Thanksgiving time of 1947 at which time I invited her to a party at my home which she attended. As I recall she came to the party unescorted and did not make any friendships that I recall.

"In regard to the stay at Camp Letts, it is my recollection that Coplon had gone to this camp with a boyfriend who, as I recall, stayed in a cabin with other single men. I am unable to recall anything concerning this boyfriend except that I believe he was about 30 years of age. I recall also that at the time of this camp, Coplon advised me that she had been operated on approximately one year previous. It is my recollection that she told me that this operation had been for the removal of her ovaries or some such trouble.

"Subsequent to the time that Coplon attended the party at my home in November, 1947, I was in touch with her telephonically on a few occasions up until sometime in the Spring of 1948 which I believe was probably the last time that I talked with her. At this time she told me that she planned to go abroad for a couple of months on vacation and was giving her apartment up which I recall was located on Tunlaw Road.

"In regard to her trip abroad, it is my recollection that she was going on this trip for personal reasons and she mentioned she had two friends in Paris, France, who were going to show her a good time. I have no recollection as to whether these friends were men or women but it is my impression that they were Americans. I recall at this time that she also discussed certain difficulties she was having in preparation of her M.A. thesis and at that time we discussed as to whether it would be worthwhile for Coplon to attend law school. As I cannot recall hearing anything concerning Coplon's trip to Europe which I feel I may have been interested in, it is my belief that I have had no contact with her since she left on this trip.

"On a few occasions when I was in touch with Coplon we attempted to make arrangements to get together socially on weekends. I recall that we found it difficult to do this because I was busy in my studies and that Coplon might be going to New York City on the weekend. I recall that she mentioned her family lived in New York. I cannot say how frequently she went to New York on weekends but I recall once or twice while talking to her that she had mentioned that she might go to New York on the following weekend.

"I have no knowledge or recollection of any friends or associates of Coplon and although I recall her discussing various boy friends I cannot recall any of their names. Through my association with Coplon I was of the

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